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It's been said that pets are good for one's health, helping lower blood pressure, among other benefits. Meet Cinder, who lives with Janice and Barry Muldrew of Monson. "She is very amusing, and cheers us up with her antics!" Janice says.

Do you have a pet that makes your life special? We feature your pets here and on Facebook every week. Just email a high-quality jpg and some information, including your pet's name, your name, and town, to mharrison@turley.com.

Left over Halloween candy?

If you didn't get as many trick-or-treaters as you expected this year or just plain regret buying more candy than you thought you'd need, there are a couple of good, local causes that will gladly accept your leftovers.

Monson Military Care Package Drive is now collecting candy donations to send to U.S. military members. Candy can be dropped off at Adams Hometown Market, the Monson Library, and at 11 Longview Drive. To learn more about the group and its year-around work, visit the group on Facebook.

Santa's Elves of Palmer also is collecting candy for Christmas stockings that is part of the group's annual holiday time drives to assist local residents experiencing financial distress. If you want to learn more about the group, donate candy, participate in the upcoming Stock the Cruiser toy drive or sponsor a local child whose parents can't afford gifts this year, visit Santos Elves of Palmer Ma on Facebook, where you can read about the group's outreach and message organizers.



Courtesy photos

Ever see the film "The Dirty Dozen?" Learn about the real-life World War II soldiers who inspired the film at a special program Nov. 8 at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center.

Live music and a history lesson coming to PHCC

THREE RIVERS — The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center has two upcoming events not to be missed.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, there will be an album release concert with Torie Jock and the Rockness Monster, who will perform songs from Jock's new album, "Damaged Goods." CDs will be available for purchase that evening. Jock is a resident of Ware.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$14 at the door.

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, there will be a special World War II history night with the "Filthy Thirteen." It's an evening for history buffs with World War II stories from the original



The PHCC hosts Ware musician Torie Jock Nov. 6 for an album release concert by Jock and the Rockness Monster.

Filthy Thirteen. Jake E. McNiece, who was in charge of the group,

was one of two Oklahoma Native Americans and was known for his boyhood fights and non-military style. The famous, star-studded movie, "The Dirty Dozen" was made with the Filthy Thirteen in mind.

Come and spend a night with the PHCC, where you can learn more about the World War II experience. Veterans are encouraged to share their own World War II experiences during this event, presented by Rick Pobieglo and Ed Przybycien.

The PHCC is located at 2072 Main Street in Palmer's Three Rivers neighborhood. For tickets and more information, go to palmerhcc.org, call 413-289-9295, email palmerhcc@gmail.com, or visit the PHCC on Facebook.

Meet Clara from The Nutcracker

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Public Library is set to host an amazing opportunity for children to meet Clara from The Nutcracker this Saturday, Nov. 6.

The Hanover Theatre & Conservatory is excited to present this exclusive event in conjunction with their annual production of The Nutcracker to meet the iconic and charming Clara, dressed in full costume. There will be a reading of the magical tale by E.T.A. Hoffman, about an enchanted nutcracker, a villainous mouse king, and a faithful young girl.

This event will also include a short lesson of a dance from The Nutcracker, an individual photo opportunity with Clara, and a question and answer session.

This is ideal for children ages 4 to 13 with an adult caregiver. Due to this being an indoor event, there will be a limit of two accompanying adults per family. Reserve tickets online before picking them up in the Children's Room before the event. Please register each child separately. Masks are required for everyone ages 5 and older.

For more information on this event or to reserve your ticket, please visit www.sturbridgelibrary.org or call 508-347-2512.

Compost dates/times in Palmer

The following schedule will provide dates the compost area off of Old Warren Road in Palmer will be opened to allow town residents to drop off grass clippings and leaves during the fall months. Place lawn debris in brown paper bags, (no plastic bags allowed) and do not leave bags up against the locked gate. The town asks that you also practice social distancing.

Saturday, Nov. 6	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 20	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 21	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Crafters, artisans and vendors needed

BRIMFIELD — St. Christopher's Parish, Brimfield is seeking crafters and artisans for its annual Christmas Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the church, 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield.

Tables are \$35 each and covers both days for vendors to display and sell their goods. Additional activities will be happening including raffles and the kitchen will be serving throughout the day. To reserve a spot, call the parish at 413-245-7274 days or email Stchriswc@gmail.com. Required Covid protocols at the time of the fair will be in place.

Correction

A story in the Oct. 21 edition about the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force contained an error. Emily Skoczylas can be reached at palmerdvtf@gmail.com and 413-324-8585.

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Library hosts Ashe rep

A staff member from state Rep. Brian Ashe's office will be available to meet with residents at the Monson Library on the following dates from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.: Nov. 17, and Dec. 15. If you are not able to attend and have an issue or concern, contact Robin Frechette at 413-272-3922 for assistance.

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Veterans Day events planned

BONDSDVILLE — Everyone is invited to attend the town of Palmer’s Veterans Day event Nov. 11.

The event begins with a parade at 10:45 a.m. that will begin at the Bondsville Fire Department and end at the Post Office. A ceremony to honor local veterans will follow at the park.

New England Adventures connects veterans to outdoors

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

Time spent outdoors can have a therapeutic effect on people, helping to keep them grounded even when stress and uncertainty finds them in daily life. For veterans and current servicemembers, many who have experienced situations most civilians struggle to relate to, these stresses are magnified by being in areas of conflict, far from family and the comfort of home. Returning back into civilian life can be both wonderful, and isolating, at the same time. Finding and connecting with other veterans can help to make that transition easier and provide support.

New England Adventures has found a way to connect veterans to the outdoors, while building lifelong friendships and a network of support. Founded in 2014, New England Adventures is a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving “the gift of community back to veterans their families...we execute our mission by hosting a variety of events throughout the year.”

According to a mission statement written by the organization’s founding members, “We honor the service of all veterans and work to build a strong community of people committed to serving each other and working toward furthering a respect and enjoyment of the outdoors. Numerous studies have shown the outdoors is a great therapeutic way of healing. We strive to show veterans and service members this healing power as a means of self-healing in their lives now and in the future.”

Events can include hunting trips, fishing trips, ski trips, camping trips, hiking trips, family day events, retreats and other outdoor adventures throughout the New England states. New England Adventures provides these all-expenses-paid trips to veterans, current servicemember and their families, at no cost whatsoever. Food, accommodation, and travel, as well as the experience, are all covered by the organization.

Vice-President of New England Adventure’s Executive Board is longtime Warren resident and Patrolman for the Warren Police Department, Rene Cote. He enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1992, retiring as an O-4 Major in 2014. In his 22 years of military service, Cote worked as a Military Police Officer and Military Technician and was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. An active outdoorsman, Cote joined the board after attending one of their pheasant hunts last October, as a veteran.

“During the event I found the organization to be very professional and I had a great time. They asked for volunteers, and I signed up and participated at Deer Camp in December...and have been volunteering ever since,” Cote said. “When I was at Deer Camp, I harvested a seven-pointer,” the largest white-tailed deer he has ever gotten.

Like Cote, many on the Executive Board are either veterans themselves, or related to a veteran; and know how beneficial these experiences can be for military families. Events occur all over the New England area, with deer hunts in New York and the Berkshires, bear hunts in Maine, fishing on Cape Cod, mountain biking at Mount Snow in Vermont, and whitewater rafting, to name a few. Adventures can really be, “anything that the veterans ask for, or a board member puts together,” Cote said.

These adventures can be beneficial to veterans and current servicemembers on many levels, Cote said. “Not only is the outdoor giving them time to spend time with other vets, but each individual has also had the potential for sharing the same experiences,” he said. Sharing military-influenced humor and terminology, creates an instant bond for many. “They can talk the same talk,” Cote said.

New England Adventures is completely volunteer-driven, with all proceeds raised directly benefitting servicemembers and families. “Our unofficial motto is ‘For the Mission’ and the mission is to get veterans outdoors,” Cote said. The organization receives support from many generous sponsors, including Boston Bowhunter, Cabela’s, and Movement Mortgage.

New England Adventures can be found at many veterans-based events, or online at www.newenglandadventures.org. Applications are being accepted for upcoming adventures including the 5th Annual Deer Camp during Dec. 1 to 4, and the 6th annual Sea Duck Hunt on Dec. 17 and 18.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

All new programs, events for November

HOLLAND — From Veterans Appreciation Day to crafts, quilting and fitness classes, the Holland Community Center at 40 Brimfield Road offers fun, educational, and life-enriching activities for all ages.

If you’re not familiar with the Friends group, be sure to attend the meeting on Nov. 16 (details below).

There are nutritious, home-made meals as well. Here’s a look at what’s going on this month:

Special November Events

- Nov. 8 Book Club 1 p.m.
- Nov. 8 Papercrafts 1 p.m.
- Nov. 9 COA Meeting 10:15 a.m.
- Nov. 10 Veteran Free Lunch noon
- Nov. 10 Veterans Appreciation Cake/Coffee 1 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Jason Wood 1 p.m.
- Nov. 11 CLOSED
- Nov. 15 Bingo 1 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Papercrafts 1 p.m.
- Nov. 16 FoHCC Meeting 1 p.m.
- Nov. 22 Fuel Assistance Sign up All Day
- Nov. 25 CLOSED – GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Hungry?

You can dine-in or take out meals on Mondays and Wednesdays. Take out Pick up is 11:45 a.m.-noon. Dine-in is at noon. A \$3 donation RSVP required. Due to a wonderful donation from the Holland Council on Aging, any Holland senior resident will be able to get their lunch for a \$3 suggested donation. *

For a \$5 suggested dona-

tion you will get the entrée, a side and dessert.

All ages are welcome to order.

November’s Menu

- Nov. 8: Pasta Bake w/ Sausage Bites
 - Nov. 10: Ham Quiche
 - Nov. 15: Beef Stroganoff
 - Nov. 17: Thanksgiving Meal
 - Nov. 22: Bedder Cheddar Sausage Subs
 - Nov. 24: Mild Chili w/ Cornbread
 - Nov. 29: French Onion Soup Smothered Pork Chops
- *Please have exact change if possible.

Program highlights

CRAFTER’S SOCIAL & QUILTING: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.- Bring your favorite project and visit with other crafters each week.

DOMINOES: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Join us every Tuesday for dominoes. We use colored, numbered pieces instead of dots, which helps if you have less than perfect eyesight. The game is pretty simple and lots of fun. Everyone is invited and it’s FREE.

MIX IT UP WITH DEB-BIE: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The class consists of core and body conditioning. Includes cardio, strength training, and stretching. Plus its lots of fun. Bring yoga mat and flat fitness band if you have it. RSVP is required. \$5 per person (\$3 for seniors).

YOGA: Wednesdays at 5 p.m. – Take time out for you. The holidays are coming and self-care is very important. Come to the Center for an hour

of relaxation and self-care.

BOOK CLUB: Monday, Nov. 8, at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome! In person, at the Center this month they will discuss The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis. In December Maggie-Now by Betty Smith they will discuss. This is a FREE event.

COA ZOOM MEETING: Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 10:15 a.m. ID: 827 1939 5244, Password: 830489.

VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY: Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. Join us for a free lunch at noon (please RSVP for lunch), but more importantly join us for our annual Veterans Appreciation Cake and Coffee. While we have a chance to thank you, you can enjoy music by Jason Wood.

JASON WOOD: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1pm. During the pandemic Jason was gracious enough to go house to house to sing and play guitar for some of our seniors. Now we’ve got him here to sing for all of you. If you missed out on him last summer, don’t miss out on him this time.

BINGO: Monday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. We have changed our time for Bingo to see if we get more people who are interested. Join us at 1 pm. We use the 65-inch TV as a screen to show the numbers. So much fun! \$1 per sheet. We usually play about 10 rounds.

FRIENDS MEETING: Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. – The friends group helps to plan events and raise money for activities at the Center. Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting. Stop by to see what it’s all about.

BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO MEDICINAL HERBS: Monday, Nov. 29 at 12:45 p.m. Are you a little nervous about trying medicinal herbs? Would you like to increase your knowledge about using the spices and herbs, commonly found in your kitchen? Take this opportunity to learn about some herbal home remedies. What can you find in the supermarket that may aid in keeping you healthy? Learn some of the vocabulary associated with the use of herbs: tea, salve, oils, syrup, tincture, essential oil, cordial.

Have fun and take information home today that you can use tomorrow!

Every Monday

- Mah Jongg – 10:15 a.m.
- Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
- Lunch – noon
- Texas Hold’em – 4:30 p.m.
- Every Tuesday
- Crafters Social – 10:30 a.m.
- Dominoes – 10:30 a.m.
- Every Wednesday
- Mix it Up – 10 a.m.
- Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
- Lunch – noon
- Mah Jongg – 1 p.m.
- Every Thursday
- Food Drive – 11 a.m.
- Cribbage – 12:15 p.m.
- Pitch – 5 p.m.
- Yoga – 6 p.m.

Dominoes – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Did you play dominoes as a kid? Have you heard of the Mexican Train

version? We are playing every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. If you’ve played before, or you’re new to the game, it won’t matter. We have lots of fun. We just learned about an app for counting the dots so you can play using dots, or using numbers, whichever you prefer. We already have a few new players and they’re having a good time. RSVP encouraged but walk-ins allowed.

Wait, there’s more!

Helping Wales Community Pantry

We are still collecting food for the Wales Community Pantry. The Pantry serves the residents of Holland, Wales, and Brimfield. They need peanut butter, jelly, Spam, cereal, and other nonperishable goods. You can drop off food anytime or day the Center is open. Monetary Donations can be made out to Wales Community Pantry. Monetary Donations help the Pantry to order fresh meats and produce.

Need pet food?

Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow has been very generous helping the residents of Holland and other towns by bringing dog and cat food here each week. If you need some for your animals, please stop by any time we are open.

For more information, call the Holland Community Center at 413-245-3163, visit on Facebook or go to town.holland.ma.us/community-center.

Yuletide at the Stone House starts Nov. 6

BELCHERTOWN — The Belchertown Historical Association’s Board of Trustees announced that the annual Yuletide tradition continues in the form of an online Silent Auction.

“Like so many other organizations, the group had to cancel fundraisers again this year and we hope to make this one a great success!” said Tom Stockton, President of BHA. “The proceeds from the auction will all go to support the Stone House museum’s the Washington District Schoolhouse renovation and other projects.”

The Yuletide Silent Auction begins on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. and bids will close on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 11 p.m. Facebook will be used for the event @TheBelchertown-

StoneHouseMuseum to run the event online. (Note: you do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.) Visitors will see a variety of items to bid on, including original artwork, jewelry, gift baskets, wreaths and more.

Individuals who would like to donate items for the auction are invited to download instructions and form at stonehousemuseum.org/yuletide-2021-donation-form/ or to contact Erica Morrison- Brazitis at marickey@charter.net or 413-537-3218 or Mary Knight at mfnknight@crocker.com or 413-323-4806 for support. The deadline for donations to auction is Oct. 30.

We are requesting that donations be local for ease of pickup and delivery. If, for instance, a donor from out of state has an item, it

would need to be sent by the donor to a friend in town for safe keeping until sold.

The Belchertown Historical Association was informally organized in the 1890s to preserve and study the history of the town. The association was formally established in 1903 and used the town library to house artifacts and books. The acquisition of the Stone House enabled the association to open in 1922 as a museum to house all its own artifacts. The museum is supported by membership dues, admission fees, a small trust fund, and fundraising activities. The historical association and museum are governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the membership.



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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Is waiting until 70 still the best plan to maximize Social Security?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My wife started her Social Security at 62 in March 2017, and I filed a Restricted Application to collect a spouse benefit from her shortly thereafter. Our plan is for me to file for my own Social Security later this year when I turn 70. Then my wife will file for her spousal benefit from me. Our life expectancy is 93 and 96. Is this still the best plan for maximum payments? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: Yes indeed. You've chosen an excellent strategy, and one which is no longer available to younger beneficiaries. The Restricted Application option you chose, to get only spouse benefits and let your own increase, was eliminated for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1954.

When you turn 70, you will be eligible for your maximum Social Security retirement benefit to start at that time. Social Security recommends that you apply about three months before you wish benefits to begin (you will specify on the application when you want benefits to start), so you can apply before your birthday if you like but just be sure to be explicit that your benefit-start-month is the month you turn 70. That way, you won't lose any of the Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) you've been accumulating since you reached your full retirement age (FRA) of 66. Your benefit at age 70 will be 32% more than it would have been at age 66.

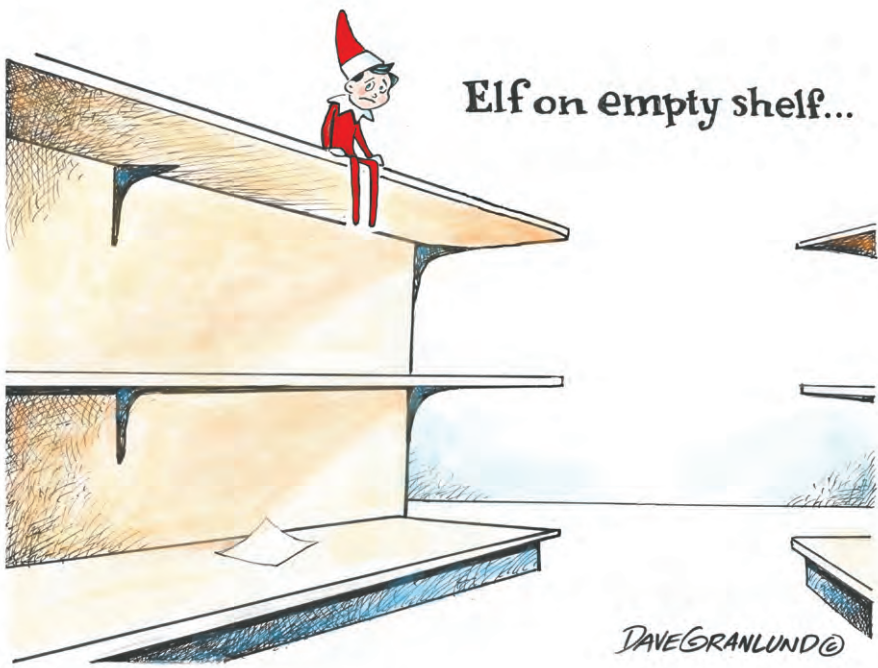
Note that when you apply, Social Security will probably offer to pay you six months of retroactive benefits. Although that lump sum can be quite tempting, accepting it will also reduce your Social Security benefit amount by 4% for the remainder of your life. With a life expectancy in your 90s, I suggest you choose wisely.

After you have submitted your application for Social Security retirement benefits your current spousal benefit will stop as soon as your higher benefit starts. After you apply for your age 70 benefit, your wife's spousal benefit will be automatically awarded when your own benefit begins (automatic because she was born after Jan. 1, 1954). For information, your wife's spousal benefit will be based upon your full retirement age benefit amount, not the increased amount you will receive because you delayed until age 70. You should also be aware that your wife's benefit as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount because she claimed her own benefit at age 62. Claiming her own benefit early affects her spousal benefit amount).

Nevertheless, with a life expectancy in your 90s you have chosen an excellent strategy, which will pay you the highest possible monthly amount and the most in lifetime cumulative benefits, while also providing the highest possible survivor benefit for your wife should you die first. Although waiting until age 70 to claim isn't the right decision for everyone, in your specific case I congratulate you for making a very wise choice.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



It's a wrap

A mere day away from the start of November and no frost yet, in my neighborhood at least.

While temperate weather continues, my garden looks nothing like it did in August. All around us there are signs that fall has arrived, if not with freezing temperatures, with lower light and shorter day lengths. The plants have taken heed of these cues. Annual flowers have run their course, and even the dahlias, who burst on the scene what feels like only last week, look tired. The few tomatoes still on the "vine" are from those that self-sowed in the garden row. And the roasting peppers, well they are but a shadow of the big, beefy fruit I harvested a month ago. With the plants beginning to call it quits, I will too. Here are some of the tasks I completed today as an attempt to reach that end.

I was happy to get the garlic planted, just about 60 garlic cloves went into the ground. It was easy going because I amended the soil first and turned over the row, making it soft and friable. After positioning the largest cloves in the first on top of the soil, I simply pushed them in with my index finger pointy side up. As mentioned in a previous column, I plant eight inches apart at minimum and then cover the row in cardboard to keep the weeds down. I will apply mulch on top of that and we will be good until spring rolls around when the stems poke up through the mulch and cardboard!

Speaking of dahlias, I had some beauties that hadn't been dug yet. I didn't want to get caught in a hard frost without time to lift them, so I jumped on the opportunity to dig them up this afternoon. I've been growing this very double-red variety ever since my oldest daughter's third-grade teacher gave each mom a tuber in a baggie one Mother's Day six (gasp!) years ago. I have since given away many tubers to friends. It's almost unbelievable how much growth they can put on in a season if they are happy. After cutting away the top of the plant I carefully dug up the tubers, sprayed them

with water to rid them of soil, let them dry for a couple of hours and stored them in a mixture of ever so slightly moistened peat moss and sawdust. My 50-degree mudroom has successfully overwintered dahlias, cannas and begonias no problem.

It was also time to bring in some tender plants. Recently I dug up the rosemary and bay tree from my raised beds but because the weather remained fair, I left them in their pots in the garden. Let's face it, they are happier there. But with frigid temperatures expected mid-week, I lugged them indoors, likewise to the ever important mudroom. A southeastern facing window is perfect, as are the 50-degree temperatures in that space. The rosemary is getting quite large, though, and one of these years I best start over with a cutting. Bay trees are notorious for having scale insect; a flat waxy little bug that lives on the stem or along the midrib of the leaves. Generally I try to "soap up" my plants before bringing them indoors to kill any hitchhikers that may infect the rest of my collection.

I mentioned tomatoes and peppers. The few remaining ripe fruits were harvested, roasted and frozen. I also picked any fruit that had reached decent enough size. Folks with lots of green tomatoes or peppers may want to layer them in newspaper. I didn't have that many, so I simply picked them and left them one layer deep in my picking basket in, you guessed it, the mudroom, to ripen.

No matter what tasks you have left to wrap up your gardening season, I hope you enjoy them.

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IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

History Matters

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children's books that emphasize the importance of American history.

November 1 to November 15
By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

FDR's fourth term

On November 7, 1944, Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the only president in history elected to a fourth term.

There was no law against unlimited tenure, but after George Washington declined to run a third time in 1796, each succeeding Chief Executive abided by his example.

President Roosevelt might have rebuffed the "Rule" because of the dire worldwide conditions. America was lifting out of its Great Depression, but it still had to contend with the aggressive behaviors from Germany and Japan.

In 1945, the war ended. Two years later, Congress proposed the 22nd Amendment, which limited presidential service to two, four-year terms; the bill was ratified by the states on Feb. 27, 1951.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Michael A Schuman's "Franklin D. Roosevelt: The Four-Term President."

First college football game

On November 4, 1869, Rutgers beat Princeton 6-4 in America's very first college football game. It was a grudge match precipitated by an 1866 baseball game in which Princeton prevailed in a 40-2 rout. But football was different tin those days; it was played with a soccer ball.

Rutgers' description of the football game virtually admits the players were

Letters to the Editor

What has happened to the fire department?

Last month, five Three Rivers firefighters resigned, joining another who left in July. This saw nearly 100 years of experience walk out the door.

Three Rivers is now being protected by firefighters, 86% of whom have less than two years experience. Only one Prudential Committee member, Richard Pobieglo, seems to be concerned about this. I am a retired Deputy Chief with 41 years serving both Palmer for 11 years and Three Rivers for 30 years. This also concerns me greatly. I worry about the safety of our community and that of those firefighters with less experience.

Fifty percent of these firefighters live out of our District in Ludlow, Belchertown, Wilbraham, and Palmer. This makes their response time to fires and other emergencies longer. It is the duty of the Prudential Committee to oversee and not overlook this problem.

The people of the Three Rivers Fire District should be concerned as I am.

Michael F. Matthieu
Retired Deputy Chief
Three Rivers

More civility needed

I applaud Karen Nothe-Valley 's letter in the Oct. 14 edition. When we moved to Monson more than 50 years ago, we were impressed with the openness and non-judgemental character of this town.

Nowadays, there is constant harassment on social media, poor behavior at town and department meetings, ugly lawn signs.

Karen is correct. Who is going to want to move to Monson? The town needs to adopt a code of conduct that applies to all public meetings and those who can't follow need to be sanctioned. Our children are watching all this bad behavior and many will copy it in school as well as in their community.

What happened to civility?

Christine Nissenbaum
Monson

Lessons on forrest management

The article several weeks ago by a concerned citizen upset by the cutting done by the Thorndike Water District was very interesting.

However, the concerned citizen might be interested to learn more about forest management. Good forest management calls for harvesting mature trees every 15-18 years in selective cutting. This allows for younger trees to grow and the sunlight to reach the ground for a period of time to promote deterioration of the ground cover to make good soil.

It also allows large animals such as deer and moose, especially those with antlers, to pass more easily through the forest. The slag piles provide habitat for small animals like rabbits, hares, groundhogs, etc. where they can dig in for the winter and hide from larger animals the rest of the year. It is very important for them to have these spaces for their survival.

There is also a need to clear cut some spaces so that new growth can come in. Usually the first trees to replant themselves in New England are Poplar and Birch, the favorite food for deer, moose, and many of our smaller animals. They feed on the young shoots and branches. As these trees grow larger, the lower branches die and fall off, thus it is difficult for even large animals to reach the young branches to feed.

Therefore we see that good forest management does not take away animal habitat, but provides much better habitat for all animals. The Thorndike Water District is improving the landscape for the animals while raising funds to reduce the cost for their clientele. They are also taking out the trees before they can die and provide fuel for forest fires, which would also harm their ability to provide good water.

Gretchen Ziegler
PHS Class of 1960,
former New Hampshire tree farmer

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

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best thing I have ever done. I love to go to fairs and do close-up magic with the kids and see their eyes light up.

For anyone interesting in becoming a magician, Cope said they should go to their nearest library to read up on it.

"There are all kinds of books,

DVDs, VHS tapes," Cope said. "If they look into Society America Magicians, they can also find a local chapter in this area."

To learn more about Ed and schedule a magic show with him, visit edthewizard.com.

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ago when Turner became chief and was intent on raising standards, he said, but tensions really began to rise two years ago when he started emphasizing fitness requirements. A firefighter's illness was a wakeup call, he said.

"One of the members of the department became sick and was hospitalized and almost died," Turner said.

"We as a department agreed we couldn't continue to provide the service we're required to give our community if our members were in that state of unhealthiness. Other members agreed it was important to develop some sort of program to eliminate that as much as possible. At least minimize that risk."

That was apparently the last straw for some veteran firefighters who were already balking at the idea of continuing training and certifications through the Mass. Fire Academy or even professional development done in-house, Turner said.

"Each of these members that resigned told me when they came in that between work, family, and personal commitments, they didn't have time for the fire department. However, it's well known the actual reason they resigned is because of my intent on updating the department on current training requirements and operating requirements, physical fitness requirements," he said.

Turner said the need for more professional development was underscored after several incidents in recent years, including a fire department vehicle running out of gas while assisting another department with a brush fire and another time when firefighters left for a call without sufficient water. Although those incidents were atypical, they reinforced the chief's conviction about continuous training and development, he said.

Although earning new certifications is time-consuming, Turner said comparable training is available at the station.

"It doesn't fit everyone's schedule, but if you can't do it, we have our own in-house training," he said.

"We have all the books, the Power-Point, the testing and everything. Of the six members who resigned, there was one individual who met the qualifications for the position."

From their perspective, the Matthews said they see a small town fire

chief trying to turn his department into something it wasn't intended to be and they're upset at what they consider a lack of respect for the veteran firefighters and their decades of experience. Michael Matthieu said the younger firefighters might have more modern classroom training and might be more fit, but there's no substitute for actually walking into a burning building.

He also said the newer department members are losing out on the opportunity to learn the finer points of the job by working side-by-side with veteran firefighters.

"Maybe they can do it, but they're not going to be safe doing it," Michael, who aired his views in a letter to the editor (see his letter on this week's Opinion page), said.

"They've only been there for a year-and-a-half and because of COVID could not go through live fire training and as far as I'm concerned, they are not trained to go into a live fire. They are book learned but I'm worried they're going to get hurt or a resident is going to get hurt."

"We don't have anything against him," Patti said of Turner, "but if your house is on fire, who's going to come in and save you, or save your pets? It's scary. You're going to tell these veterans you can't go to a fire scene because you didn't pass the fitness test?"

Patti also said Three Rivers isn't comparable to a big city department with a full-time staff.

"He's trying to turn it into a full-time department, but it's a call department," she said.

And Patti predicted the newer firefighters, most of whom reside outside the district – but are required to live within 10 miles – are not likely to be here as long as the veterans who left.

"You have to see you just forced out six guys who were in it for the long haul," she said.

"Three Rivers is a stepping stone to them. They're going to get the training and then they're going to move on."

Turner said he understands the criticism, but is confident in his leadership.

"We are working every day to make sure their training, knowledge, and ability improve on a daily basis so we can ensure the community's safety," he said.

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town that are more than willing to pay more taxes. There are people in this town who are on fixed incomes, they're struggling as it is and you want to put more burden on these people?"

In rebuttal to Monte's argument, Fire Chief Brian Harris took to the microphone and said he wanted to make it clear the money will be going to extend the contract with Tec Ton Architecture to go back to the drawing board and look for a cheaper option.

Finance Committee member Aaron Carpenter also got involved to propose a new amendment and allocate an additional \$60,720 to perform a site environmental and geotechnical investigation at 293 Main Street in accordance with the fire department building committee's recommendation to the Select Board. The amendment to raise the amount to a total of \$92,720 failed and the original article was unanimously approved.

Town meeting also approved:

- The raising and appropriating or transferring and appropriating \$5,000 from available funds to the Building Department Consultant Salary line for consultant services.

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Massachusetts Farm to school grant program discussed at hearing

BOSTON – Massachusetts Farm to School and the Massachusetts Food for Massachusetts Kids Coalition hosted a policy briefing recently for state policy-makers to hear about the bill to establish a Massachusetts Farm to School Grant Program.

The establishment of this grant program within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education would provide eligible schools as well as early education and care programs the critical funds needed to start up or expand farm to school activities such as renovating kitchen facilities, training staff, establishing direct market systems for local farmers, and providing garden-based and other outdoor learning opportunities for students.

State Senator Eric Lesser and Representative Smitty Pignatelli co-hosted the briefing as sponsors of the bill, and attendees also heard from Massachusetts Farm to School advocates as well as a diverse panel including a farmer, school nutrition director, and educator who all shared their perspectives on the power of farm to school.

During his opening remarks, Lesser said, "One dollar spent at a local farm stays in MA to buy seed, repair a tractor at a local



mechanic, to pay a worker. So that dollar gets circulated in our local communities many times over in a way that you don't get if you buy processed food that is shipped in from other places. This will help our farmers, our local agricultural economy, our kids getting access to healthy, nutritious food, improve outcomes in our schools and across the board. And it's the right thing to do."

The panel discussed the impact that this grant program could have on access to healthy, local school meals and experiential food and garden based education for all Massachusetts students.

Ellen Nylen, Food Ser-

vice Director, Webster Public Schools had this to say, "Farm to School means fresh, minimally processed foods for our students. It means scratch cooking with a wide variety of vegetables in particular. Farm to School also means connecting students with where food comes from as well as to agriculture, gardening, science and nature."

Nylen also spoke to the most recent issues as a result of COVID-19.

"School food service is faced with a supply-chain crisis," Nylen said.

"As I sit here today, we are waiting for a truck which was supposed to arrive yesterday, which was already a week late

and still has not arrived. These are real logistical challenges that we are managing."

The Farm to School movement builds a local food and farm culture that nourishes children's health, cultivates viable farms and builds vibrant communities, as 64% percent of Massachusetts schools incorporate farm to school programming in their cafeterias and classrooms. In 2019, Food service directors spent \$11.4 million dollars on local foods purchased for cafeteria meals. Farm to School is changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and early childhood settings, which results in positive regional economic impacts through new and expanded market opportunities for farms.

Massachusetts Farm to School provides leadership, coordination, and advocacy to advance new and existing farm to school efforts in Massachusetts classrooms, cafeterias, and communities and is an active member of Massachusetts Food for Massachusetts Kids – a collaborative effort of individuals and organizations who believe all students deserve healthy, high quality meals and engaging food education at school.

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often affectionately refer to the MMC as "The Sisters' Race."

And the 25th race will take place this Sunday, Nov. 7, at noon beginning and ending at Memorial Hall at 177 Main St., Monson. In addition to the half-marathon (complete with water stops supplied by volunteers along the route), a 5K race will also be held. Medals will be awarded in various age categories, male and female, with prize money awarded to top finishers. Monson Savings Bank is the event's biggest sponsor and a limited number of specially designed T-shirts will be available to registrants.

Last year's event was cancelled due to the dangers presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and principal organizer Lee Williams – a friend and classmate of Kelly and Kathy – said that while events usually take place inside the hall at the conclusion of the race, weather permitting, activities such as music and announcement of the winners will take place outside.

Attendees will be asked, though not required, to wear

masks when entering the hall.

"This year, we will also have a chute between Park Street and the finish line to make it safer for the runners," Williams said.

"Runners come from all over because this is a very challenging course, and people also come because of the cause. After all this time, it's hard to find someone who hasn't been touched by cancer."

Indeed, fellow organizer Jack Perry – Kathy's husband – wrote an emotional appeal for involvement, letting the community know that his children have had to grow up without their mother.

"To have shared my life with such a wonderful, loving person like Kathy was a blessing cut far too short," he said.

"When I reminisce about all the 'firsts' we experienced together it brings joy to my heart and a smile to my face. Our sons' first cries, their first steps, and the first Christmas that Santa visited them to name a few. There have been many more 'firsts' that I have experienced since 1996, alone.

Jesse and Jeremie's first day of school and feeling like I'm not the one that should be putting them on the bus."

He went on to say that cancer also took his mother in 2003. Kathy and Kelly's father, Frederick Waldron, also passed last month.

But in the midst of the losses the family has endured, there is a renewed commitment. Williams has been instructing Monson residents Richard Ladew and Christine Witschi, members of the Granite Valley Running and 4Run3, to take over the reins next year in organizing and planning the MMC.

"The first time I came across the race, I was going for a run myself and found people cheering me on when I turned the corner," Witschi said. "But when I found out what it was about, I have been running it ever since 2012."

Ladew, who also has participated, said he has learned how well known the race is for runners traveling a great distance to get to Monson.

Williams credited Shala Perry-Moore with giving the event the reputation of having the best food of any organized race in the area, and the group was planning everything from fruits and soups to gluten-free pasta recently.

"We may be stepping back but we will continue to be involved and will support the new organizers where we can," Perry-Moore said.

The Monson Military Care Package organization will have a table set up for donations and the MMC will again collect donations for the Monson Open Pantry. Griffin's Friends will again be the beneficiary of proceeds from the event. Griffin's Friends, which supports treatment of children with cancer as well as their families, was founded in 1994 in Springfield, in honor of Griffin D. Kelleher, who passed away from cancer when he was only 14 months old.

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PALMER – Area healthcare providers have been seeing an increased number of cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in recent weeks.

The disease, not the same as foot and mouth disease affecting cloven-hoofed animals, is a mild, contagious viral infection common in young children and is characterized by sores in the mouth and a rash on the hands and feet.

“The virus most commonly caused by a coxsackievirus, can occur at any time of year but is most common in the summer and fall and often the disease breaks out within a community,” said Dr. Evan Altman, medical director for the Baystate Urgent Care and Baystate Convenient Care located at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer.

Hand foot and Mouth disease is not transmitted to or from pets or other animals. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the disease is spread from person to person by direct contact with the virus through nose and throat secretions such as saliva, sputum, or nasal mucus, fluid in blisters, and stool of infected persons. The viruses may be spread when infected persons touch objects and surfaces that are then touched by others or by breathing in respiratory droplets from an infected person who coughs or sneezes. Infected persons are most conta-



Dr. Evan Altman

gious during the first week of the illness and illness can last 7-10 days. The disease-causing viruses can remain in the body for weeks after a person's symptoms have gone away. This means that infected people can still pass the infection to others even though they may appear well. Some people who are infected and shedding the virus, including most adults, may have no symptoms.

“Once exposed to the virus, it usually takes three to six days for a person to get symptoms,” said Altman.

“Hand, foot, and mouth disease usually starts with a fever, poor appetite, a vague feeling of being unwell and a sore throat. A day or two after the fever starts; painful sores usually develop in the mouth.”

“They begin as small red spots that blister and that often become ulcers,” Altman said. “A skin rash may also develop over one to two days. The rash has flat or raised red spots, sometimes with blisters. The rash is usually on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet; it may also appear on the knees, elbows, buttocks or genital area.

The sores and blisters usually go away in a week or so.” “It’s a virus that just needs to run its course,” said Altman.

“If your child has a relatively mild case of this illness, symptoms can be treated at home. While is

no specific medical treatment for hand foot and mouth disease, you can take steps to relieve symptoms and prevent dehydration while you or your child is sick.”

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Your child is very young, especially younger than 6 months. You can reduce your risk of infection from hand-foot-and-mouth disease by washing your hands often and thoroughly, washing and disinfecting toys and other objects that might have germs on them, and trying to avoid infected children.

“Hand, foot and mouth disease is common in children under age 5 but can also occur in adults. Health complications are not common, if you’re not sure that you are dealing with hand foot and mouth disease, your pediatrician or healthcare provider can confirm a diagnosis by taking a look,” said Dr. Altman.

Altman and the care team offer urgent same-day, walk-in care for common medical conditions including sports injuries and sprains, seasonal allergies, skin rashes and urinary tract infections. Convenient Care is located on the first floor of Baystate Wing Hospital within the Baystate Health & Wellness Center – Palmer, next to Baystate Primary Care. Convenient Care is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 413-370-7000.

Time to get flu shots

SPRINGFIELD – It’s time to get your flu shot. And with good reason.

Health experts are predicting a more virulent flu season for 2021-2022 compared to one which was nearly nonexistent last year.

Last year’s flu season was one of the mildest on record, which many attributed to the safety measures, especially mask wearing, taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. But, this year’s upcoming respiratory season may be different.

“Due to last year’s low activity from flu and other respiratory viruses, such as coronaviruses, parainfluenza, and RSV, there is low population immunity that increases the risk of these respiratory infections co-circulating with COVID-19. In addition, relaxing some of the infection control measures, such as masking and social distancing, and more time indoors due to the cold weather, may contribute to the risk being greater this year,” said Dr. Armando Paez, chief, Infectious Disease Division at Baystate Health.

“Increased flu vaccination for both adults and children could help reduce the risk of a more severe flu season which would result in what health professionals are calling a possible twindemic of flu and COVID-19,” he said.

A contagious respiratory illness that strikes the U.S. beginning in October and lasting through May, the flu usually peaks from December through February. Each year about 9,000 to 45,000 people in the U.S. get infected, resulting in 140,000 to 810,000 hospitalizations and 12,000 to 61,000 deaths, most of them in adults 65 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Ideally, the CDC recommends that everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October since the flu can begin in earnest at any time and it can take up to two weeks for the vaccine to build up antibodies to protect you from the flu.

“But it is never too late to get the flu shot to protect yourself throughout the long flu season,” said Paez.

The CDC notes that flu shots are appropriate for most people, with rare exceptions for children younger than six months of age and those with severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in the flu or who have had a previous severe allergic reaction to a dose of flu vaccine.

There are standard-dose inactivated influenza vaccines that are

approved for people as young as six months of age. Some vaccines are only approved for adults. For example, the recombinant influenza vaccine is approved for people age 18 years and older, and the adjuvant and high-dose inactivated vaccines are approved for people 65 years and older. The nasal spray vaccine is approved for people 2 through 49 years of age. Many people in this age group can receive the nasal spray vaccine, including people with egg allergies.

Paez said that pregnant women and adults with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, heart disease and stroke, chronic kidney disease, and diabetes, as well as adults 65 years and older who are at higher risk of developing serious complications from the flu should get the vaccine as soon as possible.

Yet another concern, according to Paez, “If you have a weakened immune system after contracting COVID-19, it can leave you at risk for getting a more severe case of the flu, or vice versa.”

“Although breaking news stories are focusing on COVID-19 vaccines for our kids, pediatricians and parents should not forget how important it is to get your children the flu vaccine,” said

Dr. John O’Reilly, chief of the Division of General Pediatrics at Baystate Children’s Hospital.

“Influenza has always been a significant illness in children. Kids under 5, kids with asthma, children with serious underlying pulmonary, cardiac, neurologic, or immune system illnesses are at particular risk for a serious influenza infection. During the 2019-2020 Influenza season, 199 children died of the flu, so we need to protect our kids from this deadly disease.”

The lack of a significant flu season last year means that many of our kids under 2 were not exposed to the flu and did not develop any natural antibodies.

“That means children under 2 are at particular risk for serious influenza this year. We need to protect our most vulnerable children by getting them vaccinated against the flu as soon as possible,” said O’Reilly.

Children between six months and 8 years of age who have never received at least two doses of flu vaccine at any point in time during their lives (not necessarily during the same flu season) need two doses of flu vaccine, given at least four weeks apart, to be fully protected from flu.

“That means you should call your pediatrician’s office today

because you want to build up their immune system protection before influenza starts hitting our community hard,” said O’Reilly.

Although most COVID 19 infections in children are mild, he is concerned about kids who might get COVID and influenza infections back to back.

“Both of these infections can cause inflammation and damage in the lungs. If a child has a COVID infection followed quickly by catching influenza, the likelihood of a more severe and damaging infection is greater,” he said.

To prevent the possibility of a severe infection, O’Reilly recommends that parents get their children vaccinated against COVID as soon as they are eligible, and to get their flu shot as soon as possible.

“The latest recommendation is that you no longer need to wait between getting these two vaccines and the sooner we get our kids protected against these two serious illnesses, the sooner they can get safely back to doing what they have been missing during the last year and a half – enjoying time with friends and family,” he said.

Paez said he is always asked by those skeptical about getting vaccinated: “Can the flu shot can give you the flu?” The answer is “No,” he said.

This year he is being asked two additional questions: “Can the flu shot protect you from COVID-19?” “Unfortunately, the answer is also ‘No,’” he said. And, “Can you get the flu and COVID-19 shots at the same time?” “Yes,” he said.

While talking about the flu vaccine and its importance, it is equally important to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and receive the booster shot, if one is eligible.

Co-infection with other respiratory viruses can occur. It will be prudent to protect yourself with vaccination against preventable respiratory infections like the flu and COVID-19. Even if treatments are available for these conditions, vaccination remains the safest way to avoid complications or even dying from the infection. This will not only protect you, but also those around you. Masking, social distancing and frequent handwashing may offer additional protection and help prevent the spread of the infection,” said Paez.

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Business

NEW BUSINESS

Healthy, low-calorie options available at new Palmer shop

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – Whether it’s a smoothie, milkshake, or coffee you are craving, all options are healthy options at Beach Bound Nutrition.

Owner Nicole Headly, an Indian Orchard resident, said she came across the space she now runs her business in on a random day she took a casual stroll through the town of Palmer and has grown to love the community.

“I love meeting new people,” Headly said.

“I know the type of relationships I can build with people and don’t think I’ve met one crabby person yet. Everyone has been so excited and this area’s amazing.”

Upon entering the business, customer will have the feeling they’re entering a beach shack. The aquatic decorations, spread throughout the business, provides



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden
Owner of Beach Bound Nutrition Nicole Headly of Indian Orchard wants all customers to feel welcomed and so far, mission accomplished, she said.



Berry Splash is one of the many healthy drinks and desserts you can purchase at Beach Bound Nutrition in Palmer.

just the ambiance Headly said she was going for.

“I want it to be warm, wel-

coming and a comfortable place, so people are comfortable coming in,” Headly said. “I want people to get their drinks and hang

out, even at the bar.”

Headly is currently using her experience as a Herbalife coach as well as her 11 years in the healthcare field to provide tasty, yet healthy drinks and desserts, which are all low-calorie.

“I based it off of the stuff that I like,” Headly said.

“I try to have fun-themed desserts that someone would have in the summer, like Strawberry Cheesecake. It’s the same thing with the drinks, like my Blueberry Margarita. There’s no alcohol in it, of course.”

Headly also said most people who work in the Park Street Plaza were her first customers and showed their support, further proving she made the right decision.

So far, a few of the customers’ favorite selections include the Banana Caramel Cheesecake, White Chocolate Raspberry Cookies and the Hawaiian Spritzer, Mermaid and Berry Splash Energy Drinks.

Beach Bound Nutrition will not also provide healthy drinks and desserts, but also host other events, such as Fit Friday.

“That’s going to start on Nov. 5,” Headly said.

“I have a mirror workout system that’s going to be here. We’re going to see if that’s something that can take off. That’s also what differs me from the other nutrition clubs in the area. Anybody can offer fitness, but the mirrors something extra special.”

For now, Headly said the store is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday. Beach Bound Nutrition can be reached at 413-289-6289 and is located at 1240 Park Street.

NBSB matching donations for those in need

NORTH BROOKFIELD — As we say goodbye to summer and the leaves start to turn, North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for its Annual Fall Food Drive fundraiser, offering the perfect chance to share some kindness, support the Community and help those in need during the season of giving.

North Brookfield Savings Bank’s Fall Food Drive fundraiser, ongoing until Nov. 20, helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need. For every item collected through the Community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1, for a total of up to \$3,000, to help fund the pantries’ operations. The Bank’s goal is to collect at least 3,500 items total, but the Bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the community.

Community members are encouraged to drop off nonperishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or any monetary donations at any of NBSB’s convenient branches with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

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“The unfortunate reality is that there are people who still struggle with hunger close to home in our local communities. The Food Drive is a great opportunity for local community members and North Brookfield Savings Bank to work together to make a real difference in our communities by helping our neighbors,” said North Brookfield Savings Bank SVP / Chief Administrative and Human Resource Officer Andrea Healy.

“It is always heartwarming to see the kindness and generosity displayed through this drive by our communities, and we are so grateful for the contributions they make each year.”

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Teddy G’s Pub & Grille helps with coat drive

STURBRIDGE – For the second year in a row, Teddy G’s Pub & Grille, at 179 Main St., will be conducting a month-long winter coat drive through Friday, Nov. 26, according to owners Ted and Jenna Gidopoulos. The local effort is being conducted in partnership with the Anton’s Cleaners Coats for Kids & Families program that each year aims to collect 50,000 warm winter coats for individuals and families in need.

“Last year, we collected more than 100 coats from our customers, and with

more people dining out this year, we’re hoping to increase that number substantially,” says Ted Gidopoulos. “And to say thank you, we are offering a discount to customers who participate in the drive.”

Customers will receive a 15% discount off the food portion of their tab on the day they bring in one or more coats for the drive, according to Gidopoulos.

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Kids of all ages enjoyed a fun and bountiful Halloween in the Palmer area last Sunday. Even a late-afternoon bout of rain couldn't put a damper on the fun. Hundreds of pint-sized Hulks, Jokers of all sizes, zombies, witches, space aliens,

cartoon characters and even a creepy clown emerging from a storm drain (courtesy of Tim Lynch) in the vicinity of Brown and Pine streets in Palmer made for colorful scenes in local neighborhoods.



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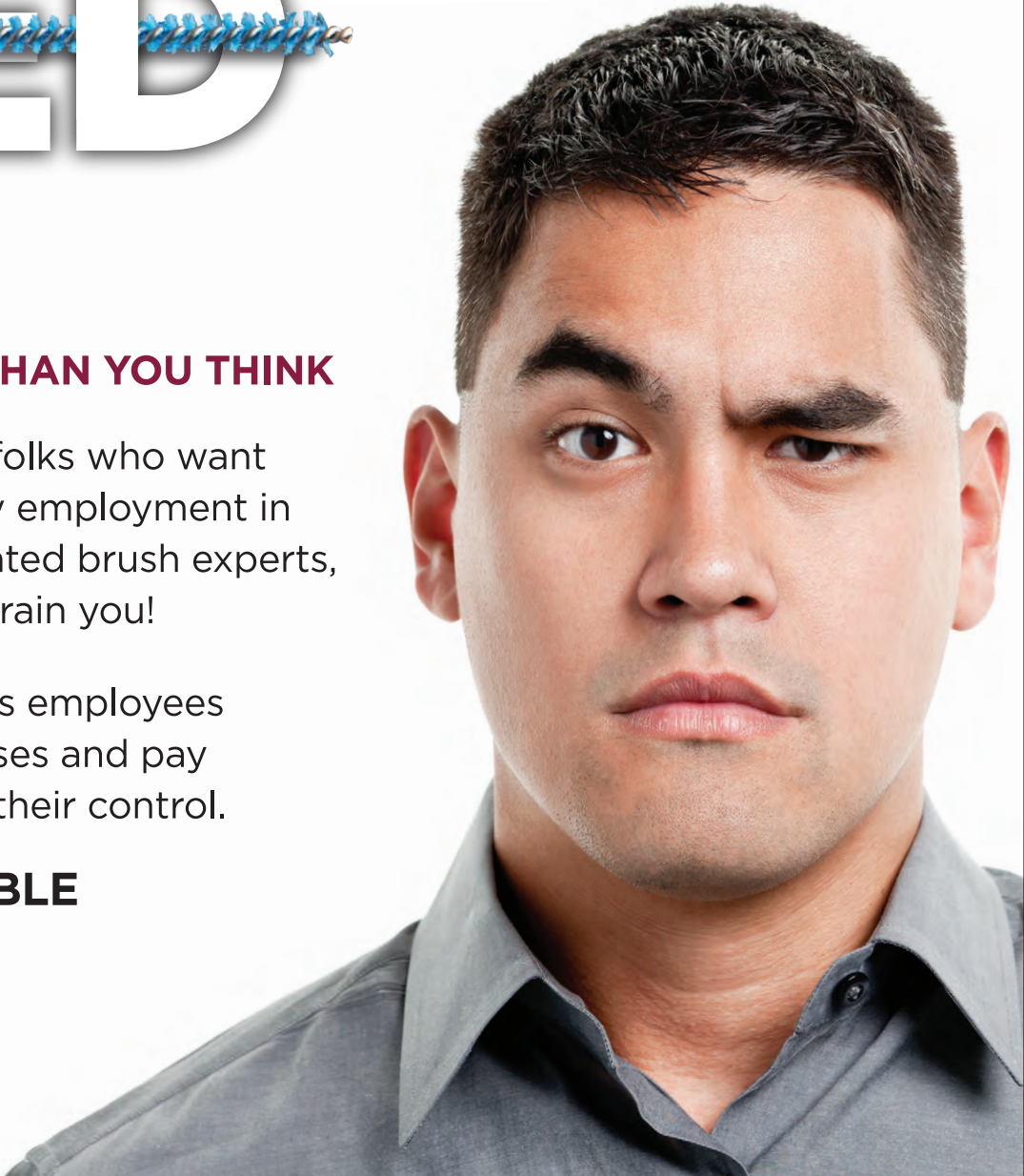
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THEY ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Palmer Panthers become inaugural 'Class C' champions



Maddy Theriault attempts to get by Mt. Greylock offense near the end line.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM – When Mt. Greylock scored with about 25 minutes remaining in the game, the momentum started to shift in the other direction after Palmer had led up to that point.

After a tumultuous end to regulation, Palmer's offense turned back on in overtime and Maddy Theriault's goal with 1:30 remaining in the first overtime lifted the Panthers to a Western Mass. championship in the new tournament



Loretta Petraszewicz makes a throw-in for the Panthers.



Ashley Placanico reaches out to keep possession of the ball.

established this year by the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

This year's final was held at Agawam High School.

The new tournament is in place of the one that used to be sponsored by the MIAA. The MIAA will now hold a 32-team state tournament which Palmer, with a 17-1-1 record, will definitely be a part of.

Their strength of schedule and other factors will determine where they rank in the Division 5 field, and seeds were released after press time earlier this week.

The Panthers, embraced the new tournament, allowing one goal in three games. The Panthers

defeated Greenfield 5-0 and Frontier 3-0 to reach the championship game.

Theriault scored early in the final game against Mt. Greylock.

But the Mounties tied at the 25:26 mark in the second half when a free kick coming off an injury to a player was re-directed and popped over goalie Sara Dresser to make it 1-1.

Following the goal, the Mounties made several threats on the Palmer end and Dresser, who officially made seven saves in the win, definitely felt like she made more as she continued to keep fielding

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Lynzie Bailey makes her way up the field.



Aniah Myrie tries to settle the ball.

Monson gets back to title

SPRINGFIELD – In the new Western Mass. Girls Soccer Tournament, Monson took home the Class D crown in the first tournament sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference. The game was held at Pope Francis High School in Springfield. The Mustangs faced Lenox High School and improved

to 19-0 overall in 2021 with a commanding 7-2 win as it awaits its seeding in the state tournament. Tennessee Murphy and Hannah Murphy had two goals each. Emmy Finnegan, Kendall Bodak, and Alana Ellis had singles goals in the win.



Ciara Monaghan goes after a 50/50 ball.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Emmy Finnegan makes her way up the field.

Post-pandemic heralds in new tradition

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Just like the new slogan suggested, the "tradition lived on" last week at four sites on a breezy, but warm Sunday morning in the Pioneer Valley.

Agawam, Pope Francis, Central, and West Springfield high schools all hosted two games as schools got together to determine new Western Massachusetts champions in soccer.

The sectional soccer tournament has been a mainstay in the

region for so many years and is an event many people look forward to, especially the part where you take the field on a turf field and have a game against a team that represents the elite for your school size.

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Shootout ends Pathfinder's Western Mass. plans



Tyler Bolaske gets a kick off ahead of an opponent.



Dylan Pinto races a Mt. Greylock player for the ball near the sideline.



Josh Blaine tries to keep the ball from going over the line.



Tucker Sikes settles the ball before heading up the field.



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Seth Mitchell tries to block a thru-ball.

PALMER – Last Tuesday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer hosted Mt. Greylock in the new Western Massachusetts Boys Soccer tournament. Byron Peabody scored a first half goal for the Pioneers, but

the Mounties matched them. Colin Holt made 14 saves in the net for the Pioneers. The teams would play two overtimes before Mt. Greylock won in a shootout.

T-Birds four-goal surge keys win over Charlotte

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (5-0-2-0) made the Thunderdome a house of horrors for the Charlotte Checkers (3-3-1-0) on Sunday afternoon, scoring the final four goals of the contest to storm back and take a 5-3 victory. The Checkers came out with the early jump for former T-Birds head coach Gordie Kinnear, whose club took a 1-0 lead on a turnaround forehand by Logan Hutsko at 4:11 of the first. The high-rising wrister went over the top of the right-hand glove of Charlie Lindgren.

The Thunderbirds once again had a quick response, though, as 20-year-old Kean Washkurak picked up his second goal in two games to tie the score just 1:26 after Hutsko's tally. Washkurak got himself into the middle of the ice and fired an initial shot that got deflected back to his feet. With a second crack, Washkurak slammed a snapper over the glove hand of Chris Gibson to tie things up, 1-1. A former Thunderbird would restore the Checkers lead, however, as Maxim Mamin stepped to the inside and made a cut to the front of the crease to beat Lindgren and restore the Charlotte lead, 2-1, at 10:22.

Springfield got a power play chance late in the first and midway through the second but could not strike. In fact, it got worse for the T-Birds when Cole Schwindt beat Lindgren on a breakaway backhand at 9:44 of the second, and suddenly the T-Birds found themselves down, 3-1, for the second straight night. For a second straight night, Springfield showed its comeback mentality, and this time, it took less than a minute for the club to get back even. Making his return

from injury, Scott Perunovich neatly stepped into a shooting lane in the left circle and rifled a wrister over Gibson's shoulder at 13:40 to cut the lead to 3-2 on his 10th point and second goal of the season.

57 seconds later, the Thunderbirds got the game back on even terms, as a shot block sprung Nolan Stevens on a 2-on-1 with Alexey Toropchenko at the offensive blue line. Stevens hit his linemate in the right circle, and after a small hesitation, Toropchenko beat Gibson on the stick side to tie the game, 3-3 at 14:37.

For a fourth time this season, the T-Birds went to a third period tied, and for a fourth time this season, the Thunderbirds came away with a regulation-time victory. Just 29 seconds into the final frame, Tyler Tucker jumped into an offensive rush, taking a saucer pass from Nathan Todd in the left circle and snapping it into a yawning net to give Springfield the only lead it would need on this day, 4-3.

Lindgren was sensational in the final two periods, stopping 21 of the final 22 shots he faced, and the Springfield PK successfully dispatched both of Charlotte's man-advantage opportunities. Todd would add one dose of insurance at the 13:26 mark with a power-play tap-in, set up beautifully from the left circle by Hugh McGing. Both players finished with two points on the night, and the T-Birds extended their season-opening point streak to seven games.

The Thunderbirds stay on home ice for their next contest on Friday, Nov. 5 as they welcome the Hershey Bears for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

Bay State Games accepting applications for interns

REGION – The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Internship Program. The Bay State Games Internship Program offers candidates the opportunity to gain valuable experience in all phases of sport management. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about event management, financial management, operations, sponsorship fulfillment, and media relations. Unlike many other internships, the Bay State Games Internship Program allows candidates to take ownership of specific projects and manage events.

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The internship lasts 10 to 11 weeks, from mid-May until the end of July. Interns are expected to work regular 40-hour weeks during May and June with increased hours in July to accommodate the event schedule during the Summer Games.

There are five or six operations internship positions available and one or two communications positions available. For job descriptions for each position, please visit www.baystategames.org/internships.

The Bay State Games has begun accepting applications on a rolling basis. As applications are received interviews are scheduled on a rolling basis with most positions filled by January 2022. For the best chance of consideration interns should submit their cover letter and resume as early as possible.

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For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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Hannah Murphy
Monson High School

In the new Western Mass. championship game, Monson defeated Lenox 7-2 with two of the goals scored by Hannah Murphy. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Tri Track series to return Monadnock

SEEKONK – Tri Track Open Modified Series officials announced on Wednesday the fifth date set for the 2022 season. The series will return to the high-banks of Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, April 30, as part of Monadnock's opening weekend in New Hampshire. The track is a staple on the Tri Track schedule -- with two events hosted at the track during the 2021 season.

The April date for next season will be a special \$10,000 to win show.

"We're excited to head back to Monadnock, especially for such a marquee event with a big prize on the line," Wayne Darling, Managing Partner of the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. "Monadnock has been on our schedule for many years and we love working with their staff to showcase some of the best



racing, and the best Modified talent, in the area."

This year, in the Wonder Casino 100 in May, Sam Rameau opened the season with a win at his home track, while Chase Dowling scored the victory in the 100-lap race in August. The track produces some of the

best side-by-side racing the New England region offers for Modifieds.

"We're very excited for this event," Michelle Cloutier, General Manager of Monadnock Speedway, said. "This is becoming a tradition here at Monadnock -- to have a two-day show

to open the season, with the Tri Track Open Modified Series headlining the Saturday show. The fans love having the Modifieds here and everyone will be looking forward to it."

Monadnock joins three other tracks as confirmed battlegrounds for 2022 Tri Track events. The series will return to Star Speedway for the SBM classic on July 23, along with the two traditional stops at Seekonk Speedway for the \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday on June 29, and the Haunted Hundred on October 22. Tri Track will also make an inaugural stop at Thunder Road Speedbowl in Vermont as part of Memorial Day weekend on Sunday, May 29. Additional races would be announced in the coming weeks.

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The memories are endless for perennial powerhouse programs likes Belchertown, Ludlow, and Monson, while other schools riding a good run hope to bring that momentum that year to a title game and have it be "their year."

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association changed all that last year when they voted to scrap the sectional tournament in favor of one 32-team tournament that include the entire state. While the divisional alignment was increased to allow for more teams to participate and a play-in process added for all teams who finished with a .500 record, gone was going to be the familiarity was playing opponents in your region to start the tournament, and the excitement of going to the semifinals or finals to possibly face a team that was already your rival to begin with.

Players and fans were also denied one final tournament under the MIAA because of the pandemic in 2020.

The Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, the local group that has long controlled the make up of leagues and scheduling in Western Massachusetts due to the diversity of the region, decided to do something about that. A "new" Western Mass. tournament

was created. A simple modification to the regular season schedule was done, ending the regular season a week early, and using the ranking system utilized by the state to rank teams. The PVIAC separate the participating Western Mass. teams into four classes, mostly based on school size and competition level, and held tournaments among the top eight ranking teams in each class, A through D.

The culminating event was eight Western Mass. title games held on Halloween last Sunday morning.

When Palmer when its Class C championship over Mt. Greylock in overtime, the same excited still existed. When Ludlow boys soccer, a perennial powerhouse, had a commanding 5-0 lead over East Longmeadow and were just waiting for the clock to run out, the excitement at the final whistle was still the same as in past years.

Athletic Directors, fans, and student-athletes alike, agree that the Western Mass. tournament is something they look forward to every year. And now the PVIAC has provided the vehicle for that tradition to continue.

They have also done the same with field hockey and volleyball. The new tournament did not come this year without it's "flaws." Most of them related to how the teams were ranked and slighted some deserving teams who were left out. But with anything new, patience is needed while tournament officials in the PVIAC figure out how to fairly include those teams which deserve berths.

In the meantime, congratulations to those teams that were crowned Sunday as brand new, Western Massachusetts Champions.

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Pioneers holding more tryouts

LUDLOW – The Western United Pioneers FC are offering supplemental tryouts for its various youth teams. For players born from 2014 to 2017, please call 413-330-9775 for sign-ups and more information. Other tryout dates for older players will be in the coming weeks. Tryouts will go from Nov. 8 through 16. Go to www.westernunitedpioneers.org/tryouts for specific dates and times of tryouts.



Charlotte Theriault fights for the ball.



Gwen Duggan attempts to keep the ball from going out of bounds.



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Ava Przybycien sends a pass by the Mt. Greylock defender.

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the ball and preventing shots.

The Palmer offense turned back on at the beginning of overtime. The ball continued to slant up the right side with Theriault getting several shots on goal. She scored both goals for the Panthers in the game.

Theriault nearly got another shot off with 2:22 remaining in the overtime period. She was covered by three defenders and still managed to wind up and shoot. But the goalie blocked the shot and play continued.

Less than a minute later, another through-ball came up the field and Theriault was able to close in on the goal. After maneuvering around a defender, She caught goalie Mai O'Connor completely off guard, shooting in the lower right of the net from very close range to win the game for Palmer.

Monson Savings Bank asks community members to vote for favorite charity

MONSON – With the season of giving right around the corner, Monson Savings Bank is reaching out to the public and requesting they submit their votes for the Bank's 2022 Community Giving Initiative.

For over a decade, Monson Savings Bank has been seeking the help of the community to plan the Bank's community giving activities by inviting members of the community to vote for the organizations they would like the Bank to support during the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to participate and can cast their vote online at the Monson Savings Bank website.

Cast your vote at: <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/community-giving.html>

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Voters may provide the names of up to three organizations they would like the Bank to donate to in 2022. The only requirements are that the organizations be designated a non-profit and that the organizations provide services within the Bank's geography. To be fair, the Bank is requesting that each person only vote one time for their three organizations. Voting ends at 3 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2021.

Monson Savings Bank pledges to support the top ten organizations that receive the most votes. The ten organizations will be announced by mid-January and donations will be distributed.

Visitors to the voting page can also view a compiled list of

organizations that the Bank has supported in years past, as well as previously nominated organizations.

"We are excited to open up voting for our 2022 Community Giving Initiative. Every year, we get such an overwhelmingly positive response from the local community members," said Dan Moriarty, President and CEO of Monson Savings Bank. "Monson Savings Bank donates thousands of dollars to support the members of our communities. By holding a vote and gathering input from locals, we can ensure that the communities' most beloved charitable organizations will be supported. It is a fantastic tradition that we are proud to continue year after year."

Free Small Business Legal Clinic at Western New England University now accepting applications

Application Deadline:
Jan. 1, 2022

SPRINGFIELD – The Western New England University Small Business Legal Clinic is accepting applications from entrepreneurs and small business owners seeking legal assistance for the spring semester 2022. Under faculty supervision, law students assist clients with legal issues including choice of entity, employment policies, contract drafting, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property issues relating to trademark applications and copyright. This is a free service available to local businesses that might not have the resources to obtain such services.

The Small Business Clinic has assisted more than 500 small businesses since it opened. "The Clinic is a great resource for entrepreneurs who lack the finances to retain an attorney," explained Associate Clinical Professor of Law Robert Statchen. "By using the Clinic's services, businesses can avoid problems by getting legal issues addressed early and correctly. It also provides students with a great opportunity to get real world experience."

The Clinic requests small business owners to submit their applications by January 1, 2022. Applications received after that date will be considered if additional resources are available. Students will begin providing services in late January. For more

information, call the Legal Clinic at 413-782-1469 or email Marie Fletcher, Clinical Programs Administrator at mfletcher@law.wne.edu.

The School of Law Small Business Legal Clinic was established to afford law students with an opportunity to provide practical consultation to entrepreneurs starting new and building existing small businesses in the community. This initiative strengthens alliances within the community by using the resources of the University to foster new business development. For more information or to complete an online application, visit <https://www1.wne.edu/law/centers/small-business-legal-clinic.cfm>.

Fiber Festival of New England Nov. 6-7 at Eastern States Exposition

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Fiber enthusiasts are coming together for the eleventh annual Fiber Festival of New England, Nov. 6-7 in the Mallary Complex at Eastern States Exposition. Hours are Sat., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sun., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event, co-produced by the Exposition and the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association, promotes the use of wool and other natural fibers and related products to the general public.

In addition to being an ideal holiday shopping opportunity, with handmade items from over 200 vendor booths, The Fiber Festival is a great educational experience for visitors to learn how animals contribute to the fiber industry through live dis-

plays of llamas, alpacas, sheep, and rabbits.

Products for sale include clothing, quilts, blankets, rugs, looms, spinning wheels and more.

Activities include:

A Fleece Sale will be ongoing throughout the Festival and is open to all. Be the first in line to purchase a fleece. Those interested in contributing fleeces should send them to arrive at/or before 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, or bring them to the Mallary Complex Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please include the date shorn, breed of animal and producer information.

Sheep Shearing demos will take place throughout the weekend.

Workshops will take place throughout the event. For a list of

workshop fees & requirements, please visit www.FiberFestival.org.

The Eastern States Farmers Market will be open during the Fiber Festival featuring bottled wines and wine tastings, gourmet foods, party games for adults and more. Hours are Sat., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sun., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend with family and friends at The Fiber Festival of New England. Admission is \$7 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more information and tickets, or to sign up for a workshop, please visit FiberFestival.org.

Editors: please visit <https://bit.ly/2PB38Be> for Fiber Festival of New England photos.

Applications now accepted for PVPA charter school

The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School began accepting applications for the 2022-'23 school year on Nov. 1. Applications are available in English and Spanish and can be found at pvpa.org/admissions. To request a paper application or to get more information, email admissions@pvpa.org or call 413-552-1580 ext. 134.

Eligibility is limited to those students currently in grades six through 10 who are applying for the 2022-'23 school year. Online applications must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2022, and paper applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1. Late applications will not be accepted. A lottery will be held on Monday, Feb. 14, 2022.

PVPA is a publicly funded charter school authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. PVPA offers a college preparatory core curriculum and performing arts programs. Admission is open to all residents of Massachusetts who have an interest in the performing arts, with priority given to students from Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin Counties.

PVPA is open to all students, on a space available basis, and per Mass. General Laws, Chapter 76: Section 5, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language or academic achievement.

Rummage Sale to return to St. Cecilia Parish Center

WILBRAHAM – The annual RUMMAGE SALE sponsored by the St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club will be held in the St. Cecilia Parish Center, Friday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Gently used clothing, jewelry, household & kitchen items, toys, games, puzzles and linens are sold at very reasonable prices. Saturday is bag day.

Friends to Hold Holiday Bazaar Nov. 20

WILBRAHAM – The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar at a new location this year at the Evangel Assembly Church, 348 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham. The event will be held Saturday, November 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More than 25 crafters will exhibit items including new products such as ceramics, coastal resin crafts, metal decorations, handmade soaps and more. All would make great holiday gifts this season. Lots of raffles for gift cards, baskets, and more. Santa Claus will be available for photos with your family, children and pets from 11-2 p.m. Coffee and beverages available. Plus cookies, muffins, cupcakes baked sales also available. Join us for a fun-filled day.

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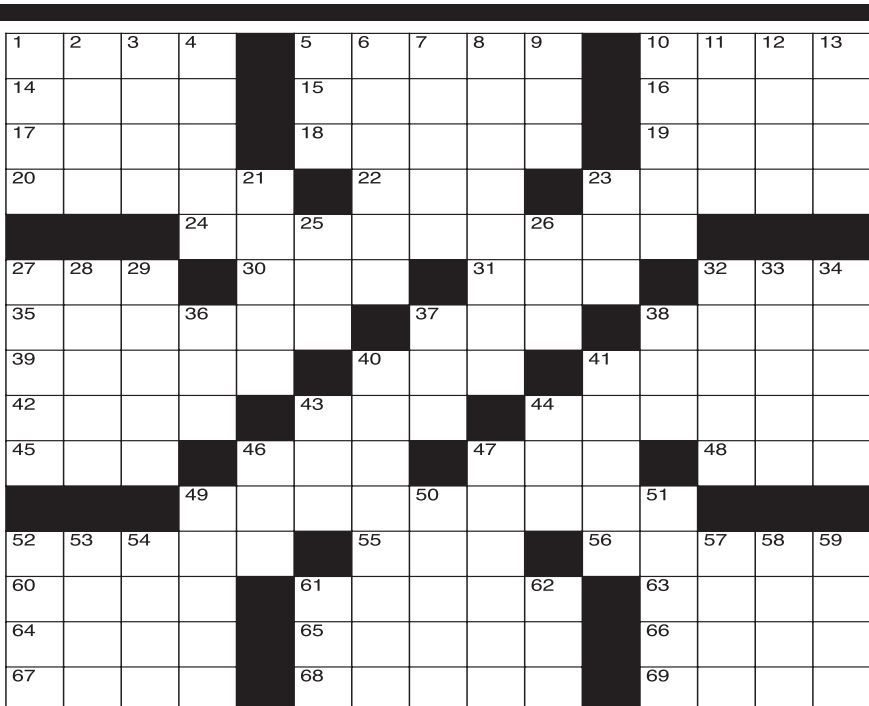
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

E-mail items to mharrison@turley.com or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

Editor's note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in a Word doc or as email text – no PDFs, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

NOW

KEEP OPEN HOUSE: The Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road in Monson, is holding an open house 1-3 p.m. Nov. 7 to showcase new exhibits. For more information, call 413-267-4137 or go to keephomesteadmuseum.org.

VETERANS DAY: Everyone is invited to attend the town of Palmer's Veterans Day event Nov. 11. The event begins with a parade at 10:45 a.m. that will begin at the Bondsville Fire Department and end at the Post Office. A ceremony to honor local veterans will follow at the park.

CRAFTS FAIR: The Saints Peter and Paul Rosary Sodality Of Divine Mercy parish will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Craft Fair 9 a.m. to Nov. 13. Proceeds help fund various Parish projects. The fair will be held in the Parish Center on Main Street in Three River. Parking and admission are free. There will be a Christmas Blessing Lottery Tree with \$1,000 worth of lottery tickets as first prize, talented local artists, and refreshments.

LIVE MUSIC: The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center has two upcoming events not to be missed. On Saturday, Nov. 6, there will be an album release concert with Torie Jock and the Rockness Monster, who will perform songs from Torie's new album, "Damaged Goods." CDs will be available for purchase that evening. Torie Jock is a resident of Ware. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Concert is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$14 at the door.

WORLD WAR II STORY: At 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, there will be a special World War II history night at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center with the "Filthy Thirteen." It's an evening for history buffs with World War II stories from the original Filthy Thirteen. Jake E. McNiece, who was in charge of the group, was one of two Oklahoma Native Americans and was known for his boyhood fights and non-military style. The famous, star-studded movie, "The Dirty Dozen" was made with the Filthy Thirteen in mind. Come and spend a night with the PHCC, where you can learn more about the World War II experience. Veterans are encouraged to share their own World War II experiences during this event presented by Rick Pobieglo and Ed Przybycien. The PHCC is located at 2072 Main Street in Palmer's Three Rivers neighborhood. For tickets and more information, go to palmerhcc.org, call 413-289-9295, email palmerhcc@gmail.com, or visit the PHCC on Facebook.

SOON

TREE AND WREATH FESTIVAL: The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center will hold its ninth annual Tree and Wreath Festival Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 11-12. Come for a wide selection of trees, wreaths, ornaments, gifts, and more. Proceeds will be used by PHCC in carrying out the PHCC mission in providing diversified cultural events for Palmer, surrounding communities, and Western Mass. region. The festival will be held 4-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12. If you would like to learn more as to how you can sponsor a tree or wreath, visit the PHCC website at palmerhcc.org for information and downloadable forms. If you have questions, email palmerhcc@gmail.com or call the PHCC at 413-289-9295 or Bob Haveles at 413-283-3054.

DINNER AND MUSIC: On Saturday, Dec. 4, the First Church of Monson Music Committee will hold a dinner followed by a concert. The Fanfare Brass Ensemble under the direction of David Neill will perform as will Kiel Krommer on organ. The audience will be invited to join in the singing of Christmas carols. The dinner features baked ham, roasted potatoes, cranberry-orange relish, butternut squash, and apple cake with whipped cream for dessert. Tickets are \$20 for the dinner and concert. Dinner will be served at 5 P.M.; the concert will follow at 7 p.m. Contact Gail at 413 267 4818 for dinner/concert reservations. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER POLICE DEPT.

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 419 calls and made nine arrests or summons for arrests Oct. 26 – Nov. 2. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Wendy L. Martin, 45, of 630 Center St., Ludlow, was arrested at 3:56 a.m., on North Main Street in Palmer on charges of operating a motor vehicle after license or right to was suspended, possession of a Class A drug, three counts of possession of a Class B drug and two counts of possession of a Class E drug.

Thursday, Oct. 28

Barry J. Cavanaugh, 59, of 128 Springfield St., Three Rivers, was arrested at 4:38 p.m., on Springfield Street in Three Rivers, on six counts of violating a harassment prevention order.

Friday, Oct. 29

Anthony D. Luke, 22, of 4251 High St., Thorndike, was arrested at 5:52 p.m., in the area of High Street and Commercial Street in Thorndike, on charges of operating a motor

vehicle under the influence of alcohol and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Robert Ryan Redmond, 19, of 155 Ventura St., Ludlow, was arrested at 10:25 p.m., on Norma Street in Palmer, on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Yvette L. Dudek, 53, of 102 Pleasant St. Apt. 1, Ware, was arrested at 7:35 p.m., on Ware Street on Thorndike, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; no inspection sticker and possession/consumption of an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

Autumn Lynn Fugere, 44, of 25 Oakland St., Palmer was arrested at 11:17 p.m., on Oakland Street in Palmer for an arrest warrant.

MONSON POLICE DEPT.

The Monson Police Department made six arrests or summons for arrest Oct. 24-30. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to seven calls Oct. 26-Nov. 1:
On Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 11:33 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 12:10 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6:15 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 2:40 p.m., the department responded to a lock out call on Main Street. The department returned to service at 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 5:55 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Commercial Street. The department returned to service at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, at 7:18 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with an extrication on Shearer Street. The department re-

turned to service at 8:36 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, at 8:20 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 8:36 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 1, at 2:59 a.m., the department responded to an alarm system activation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 3:48 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 1, at 1:29 p.m., the department responded to an alarm system activation on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 1:41 p.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to two calls Oct. 6 -Nov. 1:

On Friday, Oct. 29, at 3:35 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Stewart Street. The department returned to service at 4:04 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m., the duty officer responded to Main Street for an outside burning complaint. The duty officer returned to service at 7:35 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25

Jared Matthew Estey, 43, of 157 Palmer Rd., Monson, was arrested at 8:28 p.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; leaving scene of property damage and failing to drive in the right lane.

Friday, Oct. 29

Eric Cyr, 30, of 3 Maple Lawn Dr., Monson, was arrested at 9:05 a.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and using a motor vehicle without authority.

Matthew R. Truehart, 28, of 35 Grela Ter., Belchertown, was 8:03 p.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol; a motor vehicle lights violation and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Sunday, Oct. 30

Antonio Nelson Jimenez, 33, of 1302 Main St., Apt. 3, Worcester, was arrested at 8:45 p.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to three calls Oct. 30-Nov. 2:

On Saturday, Oct. 30, at 8:29 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Quaboag Street. The department returned to service at 9:04 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 1, at 2:36 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Lariviere Street. The department returned to service at 3 p.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 9:30 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 9:48 a.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to two fire calls and 27 EMS calls Oct. 25-31:

On Thursday, Oct. 28, at 5:29 a.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 6:25 a.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, at 11:25 a.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Waid Road. The department returned to service at 11:54 a.m.

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Hope United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar

BELCHERTOWN – Hope United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

This is your chance to stock up on the famous Conkey jams and jellies. Hope United Methodist Church will once again have its bake table and its holiday cookie shop. Come fill a bag with your favorite cookies, all for \$5. There will be an expanded silent auction featuring a photograph from Les

Campbell, and another Harley Davidson t-shirt quilt. The quilt is made from all brand new t-shirts from all across North America. There will also be outside vendors, offering items along with crafts from parishioners. There will not be a luncheon this year. Please expect a few changes imposed by any COVID-19 restrictions. Masks will be required as mandated by the town of Belchertown. BUCC will also be holding its annual Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Nov. 6.

Build your 'cash' account before retiring

If you're going to retire in the next few years, you'll want to start thinking about making some changes to your investment portfolio. And one area you may want to look at is whatever type of cash account you might have – because, when you're retired, the amount of cash you have readily available may be even more important than when you were working.

Your cash management account could pay a slightly higher rate than a typical savings account, as well as serving as a holding place for funds that may eventually be transferred to other investments. Furthermore, it can provide you with these benefits:

- **You can pay for emergency expenses.** You might be retired, but life goes on – and life is full of unexpected expenses, such as a new furnace or a costly auto repair. It's a good idea for retirees to keep at least three months of living expenses in a separate cash account, which can help pay for emergencies without forcing you to dip into your longer-term investments.
- **You can save for a short-term goal.** You may have several short-term goals, such as a long vacation or a kitchen remodeling project. If you are trying to reach this type of goal within a year or two, you may want to start moving funds into your cash management account. For goals with longer time frames, you may want to consider using other types of investments appropriate for the specific goal and your risk tolerance.
- **You can protect some money from market volatility.**

When you're a long way from retirement, you may not be particularly bothered when the financial markets drop, leading to a decline in the value of your investment portfolio. However, once you're retired, those downturns might not be quite so tolerable. As a retiree, you may want to maintain one year of expenses (adjusted for outside income sources such as Social Security) in a cash management account for spending purposes. Knowing you have this cash set aside may help you feel more comfortable when markets are volatile. Nevertheless, holding too much cash has risks of its own. Retirement can last for more than 30 years, so you'll want to be invested in enough equities and fixed-income vehicles to provide your portfolio with the balance and growth potential necessary to help you avoid outliving your money.

As you can see, building your cash management account can be helpful in several ways. So, in the years preceding your retirement, look for opportunities to add to this account. For example, you could use some of the money from a tax refund or a bonus at work. And, if you haven't already done so, you might direct your bank to move a certain amount each month from your checking or savings account into your cash management. When you're retired, do what you can to replenish your cash account as much as possible.

Your cash management account is important at every point in your life, but it may take on even greater meaning when you're retired – so do whatever you can to keep it in good shape.

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in a bag, and present it to the host on arrival, who will exchange it for a coupon to be presented with your payment at the end of your meal," he said.

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DEATH NOTICES

Emmett F. Ahearn, 90

Died: Oct. 29, 2021
Funeral Mass: 10 a.m. Nov. 6 at St. Thomas Church in Palmer

Carol Elizabeth (Paulk) Darnley, 76

Died: Oct. 29, 2021
Graveside service: 1:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at Prospect Hill Cemetery

Olivia Ida Hopfe, 89

Died: Oct. 26, 2021
Graveside service: 11 a.m. Nov. 8 at Oak Knoll Cemetery

Irene Theresa Christiansen, 94

Died: Oct. 16, 2021
Private graveside burial service

Michael Patrick Graham, 63

Died: Oct. 20, 2021

Norma L. (Thresher) Jenkins, 81

Died: Oct. 29, 2021
Services: 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home

O B I T U A R I E S

Emmett F. Ahearn, 90

PALMER — Emmett F. Ahearn, 90, passed away Oct. 29, 2021.

Emmett was born in Palmer to the late John R. and Mary (Farrelly) Ahearn on Sept. 17, 1931. As a lifelong resident of Palmer, Emmett became an essential part of the community as a proud third generation volunteer firefighter for over 50 years, including serving as a chaplain. He was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, Palmer Council 376. He retired from the Monson Developmental Center after 25 years.

Emmett had a quick wit and sense of humor — always saying goodbye by stating, “if I don’t see you around, I’ll see you at

the square” with a smile on his face.

Emmett is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Gloria (Brothers) Ahearn; stepdaughter, Robin McClenaghan and her son, Bruce Godin; and nieces and nephews, Eileen Gleason, Colleen Scaffa, Maureen Reidy, Erin Page, Kathleen Odea, Michael Ahearn, Kerry Thorpe, Kevin, John, Danny and James Page and many great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Emmett was predeceased by his brother John R. Ahearn, twin sister Eileen Page and nephew Patrick



Ahearn.

Visitation will be held 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 6 at St. Thomas Church in Palmer. Friends and family may gather at the funeral home at 9 a.m. to form a funeral procession. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Emmett to the Palmer Fire Department. For more information, please visit beersandstory.com.

Irene Theresa Christiansen, 94

Irene Theresa Christiansen, 94, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., passed away peacefully to join the angels choir on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021.

She was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Palmer to the late Romuald and Eva(Deslaurier) Lavolette.

After working most of her life as a charming server and pharmacy technician, she retired to Fort Walton Beach in 1989.

Irene loved to sing, and in her early years she joined a band. She used her melodic voice as an instrument and entertained with her talent of yodeling.

Also, Irene loved to dance. She would often tap dance while singing her favorite songs.

Irene left memories of many

family traditions. One being family recipes handed down from generations. She enjoyed watching old movies featuring John Wayne and Cary Grant and taking rides in her Cadillac along the Florida coast.

Irene is survived by her beloved children, Alan Zisk of Fort Walton Beach, Judith Paulson of Niceville, Fla., Ronald Zisk of Bondsville and Cynthia Perrin of Burlington, Vt. She is preceded in death by her son James DeMaio of Palmer and her partner of 28 years, Robert Edwin Boker of Fort Walton Beach. She leaves many



cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as nieces, nephews, and friends — too many to list.

A private graveside burial service will be scheduled at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery in Thorndike at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Emerald Coast Hospice, 1301 Elgin Pkwy D, Shalimar, FL 32579; memo line: In Memory of Irene Christiansen or to a Hospice agency of your choice.

Carol Elizabeth (Paulk) Darnley, 76

MONSON — Carol Elizabeth (Paulk) Darnley, 76, of Monson, passed away on Oct. 29, 2021, at home surrounded by her family.

Carol was born in Springfield to Elizabeth “Betty” Paulk and Carlton R. Paulk and grew up in Springfield and Hampden. As a young woman, Carol dreamed of being an architect and in 1972 she moved into a Monson home she designed and built herself, the subject of a feature article in the Springfield Daily News.

In her early years she was a synchronized swimmer and won awards for horse riding. Over the course of her life, she was a seamstress and owner of The Ladybug Shoppe in Monson. She earned a degree in accounting from Springfield Technical Community College and used her skills to prepare tax returns and balance the books for Fed-

erated Community Church of Hampden, where she also served as a stewardship consultant and occasional preacher. She also had a long affiliation with the First Church of Monson, most recently as a member of the Hearts Willing group and the Prayer Shawl group.

Carol was passionate about education and served as a school committee member and chairperson in Monson. She was a talented artist and loved to knit, sew, embroider, sketch, garden, and decorate. She especially loved spending time with her family: son William Darnley and his wife Brenda of Turners Falls, and son Steven Darnley and his wife Caitlin Gilmet of Portland, Maine, and her grandson, Thomas Darnley.



Carol is remembered as a creative person with a ready smile, a persevering and generous spirit, and as someone who believed deeply in God’s grace.

Visiting hours will be held 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Hampden.

For more information or to sign the online guest book, visit lombardfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution in Carol’s name to the Hampden Federated Church, World Wildlife Fund, or Dakin Animal Rescue.

O B I T U A R I E S

Michael Patrick Graham, 63

Michael Patrick Graham, 63, passed away Wednesday Oct. 20, 2021.

Michael was born in Palmer. He was predeceased by his loving wife Lillian P. Graham and his parents, Walter Graham and Theresa Graham.

Mike is survived by his son, Michael L. Graham; stepson Sean Fogarty; grandson Aiden Fogarty; and siblings Deb Smith and Jason Graham.

Mike was a hardworking, adven-

turous person who enjoyed exercising, the outdoors, fishing, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. Mike worked various jobs, from owning his own logging business, to bridgework with the Laborers Union. Mike and his family have lived in Ware for over 30 years and enjoyed visiting the Quabbin Reservoir. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

*Olivia Ida Hopfe, 89*

PALMER — Olivia Ida Hopfe, 89, passed away Oct. 26, 2021.

She was born on May 4, 1932, in Ware to the late Herbert H. and Lottie M. (Senecal) Hopfe. Olivia was employed at Bank of America for 40 years prior to her retirement. In her leisure, she enjoyed gardening and watching live theatre with friends and family. Olivia loved animals and al-

ways donated to animal charities whenever she could.

Besides her parents, Olivia was predeceased by her brother Harold “Harry” Hopfe and half-sister Judy Garceau. She will be dearly missed by her partner of 60 years, Kenneth Bell; sister-in-law, Winnie Hopfe; Seven beloved nieces and nephews, Peter and Bill Hopfe, Susan Haryasz, Lynn, Todd, Bruce, and

Tammy Garceau; as well as her dear friend, Marjorie Wood.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at Oak Knoll Cemetery. Please meet directly at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Olivia’s memory can be made to Thomas J. O’Connor, 627 Cottage St. Springfield, MA 01104. For more information, visit beersandstory.com.

Norma L. (Thresher) Jenkins, 81

BRIMFIELD — Norma L. (Thresher) Jenkins, 81, passed away Oct. 29, 2021.

Born Sept. 11, 1940, in Palmer, she was the daughter of Norman L. and Loretta (Erikson) Thresher. Norma grew up in Palmer and graduated from Palmer High School in 1958. She has made her home with her family in Brimfield since 1968.

Norma was an active member in Faith Baptist Church in Palmer and part of the deaf ministry at the church as a sign language interpreter. Norma will be

dearly missed by her husband of 62 years, Howard “Howie” Jenkins; her son, Todd and his wife Sandra Jenkins of Palmer; her daughter, Julie and her husband Allan Rieser of Brimfield; three grandchildren, Chrys Jenkins, Tim Jones, and Zachariah Jenkins; and two great grandchildren, Hope and Jaden. Norma also leaves her siblings, David Thresher of Union, Conn.; Shirley Bragg



of Rockport, Maine; Kenneth Thresher of Lakewood, Wash.; and Alan Thresher of Central, S.C.

A visitation will be held 3 to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a service to begin at 4 p.m. Burial will be held at the family’s discretion.

Visit beersandstory.com for more information.

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Postcard show to held Nov. 6 in Barre

BARRE — St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and the Central MA Postcard Club will co-sponsor the club’s 37th annual postcard and ephemera show on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to be held at the church at 27 South St. on Barre Common. Admission is \$2, which, along with food sold there, will benefit the church.

There will be 12 dealers from four states offering old picture postcards for sale depicting local scenes and numerous topics, Free appraisals of postcards brought in by the public will be offered. For more information, email jrg01331@webtv.net.

St. Joseph’s Christmas Fair will be on Nov. 6

NORTH BROOKFIELD — St. Joseph’s annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the church hall.

It will feature beautiful, handmade craft items, a flea market and plenty of raffles, including a gift card poinsettia.

Anyone who would like donate a basket for the raffle may please drop it off at the rectory Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. St. Joseph’s is also seeking donations of gift cards, in any denomination for the poinsettia plant. Cards may be dropped off at the rectory or put in the collection basket. Anyone with questions may call the rectory at 508-867-6811.

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Jeffery Allard for a Special
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Approval for a mixed use
residential/business structure
as provided for by Section
6.13 Mixed Uses, Section 7.3
Special Permits, and Section
7.4 Site Plan Approval of the
Monson Zoning Bylaws. The
Applicant proposes construc-
tion of a 40 x 80 mixed use
building for office space and
second floor residential units
in the General Commercial
District located on Boston
Road West, Monson approxi-
mately 340 feet east of
Silver Street assessors Map
1, Parcels 1 & 2B. A copy
of the application is on file
with the Planning Board and
available for viewing during
regular office hours.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman
10/28, 11/04/2021

aforesaid, file within thirty
days after said return day
or within such other time as
the Court upon motion may
order a written statement of
such item together with the
grounds for each objection
thereto, a copy to be served
upon the fiduciary pursuant
to Mass. R Civ. P. Rule 5.
Witness, Hon. **Barbara
M. Hyland**, First Justice of
said Court at Springfield this
29th day of October 2021.

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/04/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with
the provisions of the
Massachusetts General
Law 105A, for the purpose
of satisfying the liens of
Apple Self Storage, in order
to satisfy past due rents
and other expenses, the
stored goods of the follow-
ing named people, includ-
ing household items will
be sold at public lien sale
at 10:00 AM on December
03, 2021, on the premises
of Apple Self Storage, 1207
South Main Street, Palmer,
Massachusetts:

Brendan W. Remillard
11 Austin Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Yvonne Rena Carman
3610 Ellington Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Cynthia L. Harris
27 State Street
Monson, MA 01057
11/04, 11/11/2021

PALMER LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Palmer Local
Licensing Authority will
hold a public hearing on
**Monday, November 15,
2021, at 6:40 PM** at the
Town Administration
Building, 4417 Main Street,
Palmer (Thorndike) on the
application from Country
Corner Citgo INC. under
MGL C 138 §15 for a trans-
fer of a Retail Wine and
Malt License located at 5
Springfield St. Three Rivers,
MA 01080.

Any persons interested
in being heard should appear
at the time and place desig-
nated above.
11/04/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with
the provisions of the
Massachusetts General
Law 105A, for the purpose
of satisfying the liens of
LaBonte Self Storage,
in order to satisfy past due
rents and other expenses, the
stored goods of the follow-
ing named people, includ-
ing household items will
be sold at public lien sale
at **9:00 AM on December
03, 2021**, on the premises of
LaBonte Self Storage, 250
Wilbraham Street, Palmer,
Massachusetts:

Debra Goodrich
815 Carew Street Floor 1
Springfield, MA 01104
11/04, 11/11/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with
the provisions of the
Massachusetts General
Law 105A, for the purpose
of satisfying the liens of
Shed Rent.com LLC, in order
to satisfy past due rents and
other expenses, the stored
goods of the following
named people, including
household items will be sold
at public lien sale at **9:00
AM on December 03, 2021**,
on the premises of Apple
Self Storage LLC, 1207
South Main Street, Palmer,
MA :

Michael Samek
2029 Main Street
Three Rivers MA 01080
11/04, 11/11/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

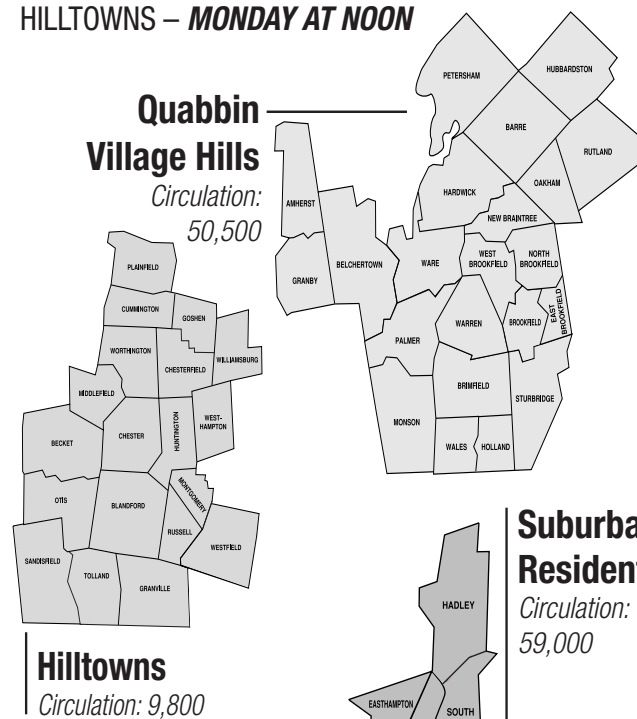
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sions of MA Gen. Laws,
Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the
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for towing and storage
charges due: **CHEVY
VIN:3GNAXKEV9K551
4772** Tiffany Kennedy
86 Hannah Way Apt. D
Rockland, MA. This auc-
tion is to take place on
November 19, 2021, 10:00
A.M. at LaBonte's & Son
LLC, 241 Wilbraham St.,
Palmer, MA 01069.
11/4, 11/11, 11/18/2021

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Delena DeMarco, Steven F. DeMarco to Fleet National Bank, dated March 13, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13126, Page 442 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on September 18, 2019, in Book No. 22858, at Page 583

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on September 26, 2019, in Book No. 22872, at Page 195

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on November 17, 2020, in Book No. 23539, at Page 108

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on November 22, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises located at 4 Lake George Road, Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
THAT CERTAIN PIECE OF PARCEL OF LAND, AND THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, KNOWN AS 4 LAKE GEORGE RD. IN THE TOWN OF WALES COUNTY OF HAMPDEN AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 11128, PAGE 563. Said parcel is further known as Lot 2 on a plan of lots recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 248, Page 81.

Subject to a first mortgage dated September 24, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 13620, Page 567 in the original principal amount of \$115,047.00.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of **Five Thousand (\$5,000.00)** Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MEB LOAN TRUST III
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500
19428
10/28, 11/04, 11/11/2021

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 001262 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:
Daniel E. Germain; Geri Ann Germain, Individually and as Personal Representative of The Estate of Norma M. Germain

And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq.*):

Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Monson, numbered 4 Stewart Avenue, given by Norma M. Germain to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated January 18, 2007, and recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16462, Page 218, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the *active* military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **December 06, 2021**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **October 22, 2021**

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
11/04/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 1061 Park Street, Palmer, MA 01069

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Karl E. Sweikhart and Lynn Sweikhart to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B, said mortgage dated March 20, 2009 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17762, Page 152, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment dated May 3, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 19806, Page 88; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A. to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment dated September 24, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 20579, Page 192; said mortgage was assigned from Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated December 12, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21585, Page 554; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its Individual Capacity but solely in its Capacity as Owner Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2016-4 by assignment dated February 24, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21585, Page 560; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its Individual Capacity but solely in its Capacity as Owner Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2016-4 to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B by assignment dated May

15, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 22293, Page 133; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **December 1, 2021, at 1:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon and all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto appertaining to belonging, lying in the Depot Ville of said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows, viz:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the ground in the southwesterly line of Park Street, at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of Augusta L. Thompson, now of the United States of America and running thence; SOUTHWESTERLY along last named land five (5) rods to a stone bound in line of land formerly of Carrie J. Holbrook, now or formerly of the devisees of Emma E. Converse;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY along line of said last named land fifty (50) feet to an iron pin in line of land formerly of Allie V. Hall, now or formerly of George A. and Josephine Sullivan;

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY along land last named land five (5) rods to an iron pin in the southwesterly line of Park Street;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY along said Park Street fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning, being a portion of lot numbered 49 on plan of Lots recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 293, Page 601.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 16, 1997, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10083, Page 473.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street,
Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
10/28, 11/04, 11/11/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD21P0987EA Estate of: Nancy Jean Theriault Also Known As: Nancy Jean Eccles Date of Death: 2/16/2019

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Susan J Theriault** of Wales, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Susan J Theriault of Wales, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
11/04/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale

contained in a certain mortgage given by David W. White to Monson Savings Bank, said mortgage being dated November 30, 2001, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 12006, Page 450, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 18, 2021**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 1544 Dunhamtown Brimfield Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Parcel 1
Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road at the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor;

THENCE N. 28° 22' w. along said last named land one hundred fifty (150) feet to land now or formerly of James J. and Dorothea Mooney;

THENCE N. 61° 38' E. along last named land one hundred (100) feet;

THENCE S. 28° 22' E. along land now or formerly of Richard B. and Nicole L. Vrona and Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor one hundred fifty (150) feet to the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road;

THENCE S. 62° 38' W. along said northerly line of Dunhamtown Road one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Together with the right of sharing the use of the well with Guy and Lillian R. Picard, successors in title to Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor, which well is on the property of the said Picards, subject to the duty of also sharing the maintenance of said well, if so used. The cost of electricity to run the well pump will be shared equally, if used, with the said Picards with each party paying yearly the meter to be changed or read each year on June 1.

Parcel II
Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road, said point being 100 feet easterly measured along said northerly line of Dunhamtown Road from the south easterly corner of land now or formerly of Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor;

THENCE N. 28° 22' W. along land now or formerly of said O'Connors are one hundred fifty (150)

feet to land of James J. and Dorothea Mooney;

THENCE N. 61° 38' E. along last named land eighty and 38/100 (80.38) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Southern New England Railroad Co.,;

THENCE S. 35° 33' 17" E. along said last named land one hundred thirty-two and 88/100 (132.88) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE S. 42° 55' W. fifty six and 60/100 (56.60) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE 61° 38' w. along said northerly side of Dunhamtown Road Forty-three and 40/100 (43.40) feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises prior hereto at B 12006 P 447

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

TERMS OF SALE:
The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagee. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$5,000.00 deposit, (but no less than \$5,000.00) with the Mortgagee's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagees attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be held by the Mortgagee, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.
In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its elec-

tion, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The Mortgagee reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Monson Savings Bank,
Present Holder of said Mortgage

By
David A. Lavenburg, Its
BACON WILSON, P.C.
33 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
413-781-0560
10/21, 10/28, 11/04/2021

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FILM REVIEW

No Time to Die: Some scenes deliver, but not worth the wait

By Bob Garver

Last spring, the James Bond movie “No Time to Die” became the first movie to be pushed back because of the pandemic. The subsequent 18-month delay made me crave the film even more, and I confess my expectations might have gotten a little too high.

In fact, it's probably for the best that the film was delayed, because if it had opened in April of 2020, it would have been less than a year removed from "Avengers: Endgame," which it is conspicuously trying to emulate. Director Cary Joji Fukunaga has crafted less of a Bond movie and more of an MCU movie with James Bond in place of Tony Stark.

Bond (Daniel Craig) makes an effort to retire from spy work and settle into married life with wife Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), but their honeymoon gets interrupted by the remnants of the evil SPECTRE organization. He accuses her of setting up the attack, which hurts her emotionally, and ultimately puts her on a train out of the country with the intention of never seeing her again. We cut to five years later (reminiscent of "Endgame") when Bond's CIA friend Felix Leiter (Jeffrey Wright), accompanied by State Department liaison Logan Ash (Billy Magnussen), lures him out of retirement to try to stop SPECTRE. He's joined by rookie agent Paloma (Ana de Armas) and in many ways the mission is more successful than expected, but in others it's a total disaster that puts the fate of the world at risk.

Bond has to go back to work for MI-6, meaning that he gets to meet up with old friends M (Ralph Fiennes), Q (Ben Whishaw), and Moneypenny (Naomie Harris), as well as Nomi (Lashana Lynch), a younger agent who has been assigned Bond's old 007 number. He interrogates arch nemesis and former SPECTRE head Blofeld (Christoph Waltz), who indirectly directs him back to Madeleine, who is the key to Safin (Rami Malek), the mastermind of a DNA-based plot to kill millions.

Maybe the biggest disappointment of the film is Malek's villain. He's a frightening force in an early flashback scene, but

once he's unmasked (literally), he's just another stock villain who insists that humanity can only be saved if he kills a great deal of it. He also likes to tend to his garden, in case the parallels to Thanos weren't blatant enough. He controls a trump card that gives him the upper hand on Bond, and he foolishly throws it away after an annoyance.

The good news is that the scene I was most anticipating certainly delivers. The “Knives Out” reunion between Craig and de Armas is filled with fun chemistry and action. I can’t see de Armas in another movie soon enough, and if casting directors weren’t breaking down her door before, they will be after her action scenes in this movie.

The problem is that what the scene delivers in quality, it lacks in quantity. This movie is 163 minutes long and de Armas isn't in it for more than 10. But those less-than-10 minutes are the highlight of the film.

Back in 2012 I wrote that the best thing about “Skyfall” was James Bond’s vulnerability. It was nice to see a more human side of the character. But with “No Time to Die,” I feel like we’re getting too much vulnerability, like he’s so emotional throughout the movie (and granted, he has a lot to be emotional about) that he’s no longer a recognizable version of the character. This will be Craig’s last turn as James Bond, and it feels right. Five movies is a satisfying number, and the series can only play the “pulled back into action after he tries to retire” card so many times before the trope is overdone. Maybe this last entry would have been disappointing if it had opened on time, maybe it falls short of expectations because of the 18-month wait, all I know is that I’m underwhelmed.

Grade: C

"No Time to Die" is rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, some disturbing images, brief strong language and some suggestive material. Its running time is 163 minutes.

Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu.

Second Chance gets 16 more cats from large-scale rescue

*Brings total to 68 cats
surrendered by local pet
owner*

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services returned to a local pet owner's home on Oct. 23 and 24 for the last of the cats to be surrendered. The week previous to that the owner surrendered 52 cats that he had taken in over the years because he has to leave his current home.

"We knew the owner had planned to surrender a few more who were hiding, but we weren't expecting 16," said Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato. Ten cats from the new group will need dental surgery and Blancato is estimating an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 in veterinary care costs to get the new group ready for adoption.

Second Chance Shelter Veterinarian Dr. Jackie Celmer and her team examined and vaccinated the new group at the Almost Home Facility where all the cats are being cared for. In addition to dental surgery, six of the cats will need to be spayed or neutered. Celmer reported that overall, the cats from the first group were settling in well and some had begun to gain some weight. Two kittens are facing serious eye issues, one of which will probably require surgery when old enough.

Blancato is grateful to be able to help these cats. "Our Almost Home Facility team has done an amazing job of observing the cats and moving them around to see who is comfortable with who," she said. "We have a pair that came in together and they haven't left each other's side for more than a few moments, choosing to cuddle together in a big blue bowl all day long." She adds several cats will be heading to the Second Chance Adoption Center in the next few days to find new homes.

with their medical care. Donations can be made online at secondchance-animals.org, through the Second Chance Facebook page, or checks can be mailed to Second Chance, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515.



Courtesy photos

Katy is super friendly and is currently awaiting her dental surgery so she can find her forever home.



Christina and April May came in together and haven't left each other's side for more than a few moments.

Try Hockey For Free Day

AMHERST – The Amherst Hockey Association is hosting a Try Hockey for Free Day Saturday, November 6 from 2:30 to 3:50 p.m. at the University of Massachusetts Mullins Center Community Rink, 200 Commonwealth Avenue, Amherst. Kids ages 3 and up are encouraged to experience ice hockey for the first time and learn the basic skills in a fun, safe environment.

There will also be a used skate and hockey gear sale taking place at the event, starting at 2 p.m. A wide variety of used skates and hockey gear will be available for purchase by donation, as well as new helmets starting at \$30. This sale is open to the public. Masks are required to be worn by all in the Mullins Center, regardless of vaccination status.

Details of the Try Hockey for Free Day include the following:

- No skating experience required.
- All kids ages 3 and up are welcome.
- Free skate rentals available.
- All skaters must have helmets: please bring your own bicycle or hockey helmets; a limited number of hockey helmets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Skaters should have gloves (winter gloves are fine).
- Used equipment sale: outfit your child (or yourself) for a fraction of the cost of new gear.
- USA Hockey/UMass Hockey giveaways at the door.
- Save time at the door by registering in advance: https://tryhockeyforfree.com/event_detail/691.
- For more information, please visit the Amherst Hockey Association website amhersthockey.org.

The Amherst Hockey Association provides a supervised, recreational and competitive hockey program for youths from 3 to 17 years old who live in Amherst, Massachusetts and surrounding areas. The AHA is a member organization of Massachusetts Hockey and USA Hockey. They run programs for all levels of youth skill and competition. Registration is now open for Learn to Skate, Learn to Play, and Girls House programs. The Learn to Skate Program develops skating and hockey skills in younger children, while the all-girls House team is for older girls who are new to hockey. The Learn to Play Program allows skaters to play in a less formal and competitive environment while learning to play team hockey. These programs will be held on Saturday afternoons, beginning Nov. 13.



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